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URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

In accordance with the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1962, it is necessary for the Highway Departments to institute continuing, coordinated, and comprehensive transportation planning in all urban areas of the State. The major studies under the aegis of the Tri-State Transportation Committee and the Penn-Jersey study will handle the bulk of this work. However, since Atlantic City is the focus of an urban area involving all of Atlantic County, it will be necessary to institute a similar study there.

During the month, preliminary meetings were held with local officials as listed below:

Margate City	February 6
Pleasantville City	February 6
Ocean City	February 7
Atlantic City	February 7
Atlantic County	February 20

A similar study will be required in the Salem County-Delaware area and preliminary work is now under way.

CONSTRUCTION METHODS

A method not heretofore used in New Jersey will be utilized to stabilize the foundations of the interchange of Interstate Route 80, Interstate Route 280 and Route 46 in the Parsippany-Troy Hills area.

This area lies in what was the glacial Lake Passaic in the geologic past. The subsurface soil consists of silt and clay to varying

CONSTRUCTION METHODS, cont'd.

depths with a relatively thin cover of organic silts and peat evident in some locations. In the past several thousand years, this deposit has been compressed to a density of approximately two tons per square foot.

As a result of this particular condition, the use of sand drains normally utilized to expedite stabilization of the foundation is not economically justified. A solid core embankment will be constructed through the main interchange area and allowed to consolidate the subsoil for a year prior to the building of abutments and piers for structures. The structures over the existing Route 46 will be mounted on piles, due to the need for keeping traffic open on this highway.

CONSTRUCTION RESEARCH

The Highway Department is continually experimenting with the use of new materials in its various construction projects. At periodic intervals, condition surveys are taken to determine whether the desired results have been obtained.

During the past month a survey of a bituminous resurfacing project on Route 20 in which fiberglass was incorporated instead of the usual steel wire or extruded steel mesh, disclosed that the fiberglass had doubtful or little ability to prevent reflection cracking of the riding surface.

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CONSTRUCTION RESEARCH, cont'd.

On the other hand, a survey of an experimental installation of "homasote" a paper board product, as a joint filler on Interstate Route 80, indicated that this material was in very good condition after a year of service and would appear to be a satisfactory alternate to our presently specified joint filler.

MUNICIPAL AID

Throughout the State, 18 improvement projects involving state aid were under construction during the month as was weather permitted.

Another 71 projects which have been approved are awaiting better weather for a start or a resumption of construction. Only 4 municipal improvement projects were complete during the month. As is normal during this time of the year, municipal forces have been busy patching roads, cleaning drainage facilities, and repairing road maintenance equipment.

ANNUAL TRAFFIC SAFETY INVENTORY

As part of its responsibility for the safe movement of people and goods, the Highway Department's Bureau of Planning and Traffic inventories its activities each year and files a report with the National Safety Council. The inventory for calendar 1963 reveals the following:

1. There are 100 individuals regularly assigned to traffic engineering functions in the Bureau of Planning and

ANNUAL TRAFFIC SAFETY INVENTORY, cont'd.

Traffic itself. These people spent a third of their time on traffic engineering administration, surveys and planning studies, and two-thirds of their time on other related activities including the processing of accident records. There are 22 individuals in the Bureau of Geometric Design regularly assigned to traffic engineering functions. They spent 90 per cent of their time on traffic engineering administration, surveys and planning studies, and 10 per cent of their time on other related activities.

There are 84 individuals in the Electrical Bureau regularly assigned to traffic engineering functions. They spent 5 per cent of their time on administration surveys and planning studies and 95 per cent of their time on installation and maintenance of signs, signals and markings.

There are 70 individuals in the Bureau of Maintenance regularly assigned to traffic engineering functions who spent all of their time on installation and maintenance of signs, signals and markings.

2. A total of \$819,447.36 was spent during the year on the signal program; \$533,934.02 spent on the sign program; and \$491,983.68 spent on the pavement marking program.

ANNUAL TRAFFIC SAFETY INVENTORY, cont'd.

3. The inventory revealed that 290 man days were devoted to studies of high accident highways and intersections; 400 man days to speed zone surveys; 4,000 man days to checking highway plans and proposals, both at the initial and other stages, for safety and capacity; 21,300 man days to other surveys and investigations; and 1,923 man days to manual traffic volume counts.
4. Special surveys were made on the State highways in 290 municipalities.
5. Traffic engineering research projects active or completed during the year included:
 - a. Accident-Design Relationship
 - b. Truck Equivalency
 - c. Intersection Design
 - d. Traffic Signals
 - e. Storage, Acceleration, Timing and Synchronization
 - f. Highway Capacity
 - g. Forecasting Methods
 - h. Traffic Distribution
6. Eighteen miles of multi-lane divided freeways with full control of access were added to the State Highway System during the year. New Jersey's 1,914 mile system now includes 450 miles of divided highways with 4 or more lanes. During the year 19 miles of highways were widened

ANNUAL TRAFFIC SAFETY INVENTORY, cont'd.

and an additional 6 miles were resurfaced or rebuilt. Forty-one highway grade separations and 6 railroad grade separations were added to the System during the year, and highway lighting was added at 45 hazardous locations. Seventeen intersections were improved by physically channeling one or more movements and 14 through a major redesign. Twenty problem locations were improved through reconstruction to increase the sight distance, eliminate curves, etc.

CONSTRUCTION

There were 56 highway construction projects under way as of March 1, valued at approximately \$129 million including the value of bridge work involved in these jobs.

YMCA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

Two representatives of the Bureau of Public Information served on Saturday, February 29, as resource leaders to the YMCA Model Legislature's Transportation Committee. The job of the resource leader is to advise the youths submitting legislation as to the constitutionality of it and whether the matter is already covered by legislation. The model legislatures will convene on the 20th and 21st of March in Trenton for the purpose of introduction and action on legislation. The resource leaders will participate on each of those days also.

RADIO INTERVIEW

In February the Director and Chief Engineer of the Bureau of Maintenance and Operations, Mr. Jack F. Andrews, participated in a live interview broadcast over the facilities of Radio Station WHBH in Princeton. The interview was approximately one half-hour long and took place in the dinning room of the Nassau Inn. The subject matter varied greatly but mostly involved various phases of highway maintenance. The interview went smoothly and as a result it is expected that requests for similar appearances will be forthcoming.

"SPOTLIGHT ON HIGHWAYS"

As a result of field visits this month, a fairly complete schedule for our broadcasts on the 29 stations that now carry it has been established. Several stations are not able to give us a fixed time but program it when time permits. This happens frequently in the larger cities where radio time is more in demand commercially. The following is a complete listing of the stations carrying our programs at this time, their location, and their broadcast frequencies as well as the day and times of broadcast where it is scheduled.

WHTG-WHTG-FM Asbury Park - Eatontown - 1410 KC, 105.5 MC (FM)

12:35 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

7:35 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday (on FM only)

WLBD - Atlantic City - 1490 KC

7:35 a.m. Friday, Saturday, Sunday

WMID - Atlantic City - 1340 KC

11:00 p.m. Sunday (used other times as fill, no set schedule)

"SPOTLIGHT ON HIGHWAYS", cont'd.

WSNJ - Bridgeton - 1240 KC

6:15 p.m. Monday through Saturday

WJJZ - Burlington - 1460 KC

10:35 a.m. Monday through Saturday

WCAM - Camden - 1310 KC

2:45 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday

WKDN-WKDN-FM - Camden - 800 KC, 106.9 MC (FM)

5:55 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

WNJH - Hammonton - 1580 KC

3:35 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday

WMTR - Morristown - 1250 KC

3:55 p.m. Saturday

WNNJ - Newton - 1360 KC

11:30 a.m. Saturday, 3:55 p.m. Sunday

WNJR - Newark - 1430 KC

Weekends when time is available

WERA - Plainfield - 1590 KC

1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

WOND - Pleasantville - 1400 KC

To be worked out

WPAT - Paterson - 930 KC

WPAT-FM 93.1 MC

Carried on when time is available basis

WHWH - Princeton - 1350 KC

2:55 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday

WBUD - Trenton - 1260 KC

6:55 p.m. Sunday

WAAT - Trenton - 1300 KC

No set schedule

WTOA-FM - Trenton - 97.5 MC

Between 7:15 and 8:45 a.m. Monday, through Friday

WTIM - Trenton - 920 KC

No set schedule

WWBZ - Vineland - 1360 KC

4:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday

WDVL - Vineland - 1270 KC

4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

WCRV - Washington - 1580 KC

9:45 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday

WCMC - Wildwood - 1230 KC

6:40 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday

OUT OF STATE STATIONS

SIP - Philadelphia - 610 KC

6:35 a.m. Sunday

WRCV - Philadelphia - 1060 KC

4:35 p.m. Sunday

WFIL - Philadelphia - 560 KC

7:25 p.m. Sunday

WCAU - Philadelphia 1210 KC

WCAU-FM 98.1 MC

No set time

WOR - New York - 710 KC

WOR-FM 98.7 MC

No set time

WNBC - New York - 660 KC

WNBC-FM 97.1 MC

10:05 p.m. Sunday

INFORMATION CENTER

An experimental effort to acquaint the public with the details of a construction project at its inception was successfully accomplished in Parsippany-Troy Hills Township on February 1^h. The Public Information device was a one-day affair staffed by the resident engineer, right-of-way representatives, and public information personnel to answer any and all questions pertinent to the construction project. Visual aids comprised a comprehensive map showing the project, and detailed construction plans, matched and pasted together, and mounted on display boards. In addition, a complete set of construction and right-of-way plans were on hand, as well as quantities of printed literature.

Although the project affected relatively few people and covered a small area, the center was visited by approximately 75 people between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. Many visitors remarked they were surprised that the Highway Department was considerate enough to make such an effort for their benefit.

SIGN VANDALISM

It has been determined that last year the Department spent \$11,757.60 replacing signs, reflectors, and delineators damaged, destroyed, or stolen by vandals. The average cost to replace a sign is \$6. The year's total was \$4,968. The average cost of labor and equipment to replace signs was \$8.70. The year's total was \$6,789.60. There were a total of 16,573 signs, reflectors, and delineators erected, and 5% of them were replaced due to vandalism.

COLLEGE RECRUITMENT

During the Month of February, campus visits were made to the Placement Offices of Rutgers, Stevens, University of Pennsylvania and Manhattan. Thirty prospective June graduates were interviewed and 17 returned applications indicating initial interest. All of the 17 have been invited to visit our Trenton Office for further interviews.

TRAINING

During the Month of February 82 employees of the Bureau of Bridge Construction completed the 12-hour course in Civil Defense Adult Education. The Bureau attended the 4 three-hour sessions that comprise the course. The course was given twice this month.

In addition, 36 engineers from the various engineering divisions attended a three-day Orientation Course on IBM computers, systems, etc. The International Business Machine Corporation was kind enough to supply 2 excellent instructors who combined with Mr. Woodruff of this Department to present a very excellent course.

MEETINGS

In addition to the routine staff and other meetings, the following are a few of the meetings held during the month:

Feb. 13 - Meeting with Mr. Shoemaker to discuss financial problems of the Jersey Central Railroad.

Meeting in the Governor's office with officials of the U. S. Post Office Department to discuss proposed installation at Kearny.

Meeting with former Attorney General Wilentz and Middlesex County officials regarding Route 440.

Feb. 14 - Meeting in the Governor's office with officials of West Orange to discuss Interstate Route 280 in West Orange.

Feb. 18 - Meeting of the Bi-State Transportation Agency to discuss its budget and relationship with the Tri-State Transportation Committee.

Feb. 19 - Meeting with Senator Harper to discuss the Brewster Construction Company claim.

Feb. 20 - Seminar with staff of the New Brunswick Home News focusing on the Route 18 Freeway.

MEETINGS, cont'd.

Feb. 21 - Meeting with officials of Irvington to discuss Interstate Route 78.

Feb. 25 - Meeting with Mayor Zirpolo of Woodbridge to discuss Route 35.

Feb. 28 - Meeting at Newark City Hall with Mayor Addonizio to discuss Route 75 -- the Midtown Connector.

Mar. 3 - Meeting with former Attorney General Wilentz to discuss problems affecting Two Guys from Harrison.

Meeting with Bergen County Prosecutor Calissi to discuss highway problems affecting Saddle Brook.

Mar. 5 - Meeting with officials of Philadelphia and Reading Railroad to discuss commuter service.

Telephone conference with former Mayor Kenny to discuss Route 280 drainage tunnel.

Meeting with Senator Dumont to discuss improvement of Route 24 in Warren County.

Meeting with Bergen County mayor to discuss improvement of Route 17.

Meeting with Senator Stout to discuss highway matters.

MEETINGS, cont'd.

Mar. 6 - Meeting with Mr. White of the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad
together with Attorney General Sills and PUC President
Hyland to discuss mergers.

Mar. 10 - Meeting with the Piscataway Township Board of Education
to discuss alignment of the Route 18 Freeway.

BIDS RECEIVED

<u>Feb. 13</u>	-	Berkshire Valley Road-Oak Ridge Road Jefferson Township, Morris County. <u>Michael LaMorgese, Irvington</u>	\$406,777.10
<u>Feb. 20</u>	-	Routes 38 - 70 Drainage Improvements Cherry Hill, Camden County. <u>A. H. Lupton, Jr., Inc., Bridgeton</u>	180,776.73
<u>Feb. 20</u>	-	Painted Traffic Lines Contract #1. <u>Lombardi Striping Corp., Berkeley Heights</u>	42,655.90
<u>Feb. 20</u>	-	Painted Traffic Lines Contract #2 <u>Traffic Control Co., Waterbury, Conn.</u>	57,130.70
<u>Feb. 20</u>	-	Painted Traffic Lines Contract #3. <u>Traffic Control Co., Waterbury, Conn.</u>	70,639.18
<u>Feb. 20</u>	-	Underground Structures for Traffic Signal Systems - Contract #1 Various Intersections <u>Counties Contracting & Constn. Co., Phila.</u>	173,400.00
<u>Feb. 27</u>	-	Route 27 Resurfacing - (Cherry Street) Elizabeth, Union County. <u>Watchung Paving Co., Westfield</u>	43,039.90
<u>Total Bids Received</u>			\$ 974,419.51

BIDS TO BE RECEIVED

March 12 - Interstate Route 78
Grading, Bridges and Incidental Paving
Bedminster, Bernards, Bridgewater and
Warren, Somerset County.

March 12 - Interstate Route 280
Grading, Drainage, Paving and Bridge
West Orange, Essex County.

March 12 - Interstate Route 280
Demolition of Buildings
West Orange, Orange, East Orange
Essex County.

March 12 - Route 30
Left Turn Connectors and Drainage Improvements
Waterford, Camden County.

March 19 - Route 10
Intersection Improvement
Mt. Pleasant Avenue
East Hanover Township, Morris County.

March 19 - Bridge Painting
Contracts #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

March 26 - Interstate Route 287
Permanent Signs
Parsippany-Troy Hills Township, Montville
and Boonton
Morris County.

CONTRACTS AWARDED

Feb. 13 -	Interstate Route 80 Grading, Paving, Viaduct, Walls and Bridges Paterson, Passaic County. <u>Schiavone Construction Co., Secaucus.</u>	\$ 5,971,496.00
Feb. 20 -	Interstate Route 80 Permanent Signs Lodi, Teterboro, Hasbrouck Heights, Hackensack, S. Hackensack Township, Bergen County. <u>Pfaff and Kendall, Newark</u>	212,586.35
Feb. 21 -	Route 70 Widening, Resurfacing, Bridges and Interchange at Cuthbert Boulevard Townships of Pennsauken and Cherry Hill Camden County. <u>South Jersey Construction Co., Riverside</u>	1,636,118.96
Mar. 3 -	Routes 38-70 Drainage Improvements Cherry Hill, Camden County. <u>A.H. Lupton, Jr., Inc., Bridgeton</u>	180,776.73
Mar. 5 -	Painted Traffic Lines Contract #1 <u>Lombardi Striping Corp., Berkeley Heights</u>	42,655.90
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<u>Total Contracts Awarded</u>	\$ 8,794,620.82

MAP REQUESTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
2/13/64	Lieut. Terry J. Todd Fort Monmouth, N.J.	50
2/14/64	C. S. Pierce Shell Chemical Co. Woodbury, N.J.	24
2/14/64	Glassboro State College	60
2/17/64	Conservative Baptist Assn. Pitman, N.J.	15
2/19/64	Mr. Victor Johnson N.J. Private Campgrounds Assn. Andover, N.J.	50
2/21/64	Trenton Chamber of Commerce	25
2/24/64	John Stoth Equipment Bureau N.J. Highway Dept.	36
2/24/64	Mr. Ernest Schreiber County Supt. of Schools Pennsauken, N.J.	100
2/24/64	J. I. Kislak Inc. Newark, N.J.	20
2/24/64	Bridge Travel Bureau Palmyra, N.J.	200
2/25/64	Starr Transit Trenton, N.J.	30
2/25/64	Dash Point School Tacoma, Washington	30
2/28/64	Roosevelt School Granger, Washington	35
2/28/64	Public Hearing, Eatontown	133
3/2/64	Ocean County Bur. of Pub. Relations Toms River, N.J.	50
3/2/64	State College Valley City, N. Dakota	45

Map Requests

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
3/3/64	Bennett School Detroit, Mich.	36
3/4/64	Kenilworth Rotary Club, N.J.	45
3/5/64	Right of Way Meeting Logan Township, N.J.	25
3/10/64	H. M. Royal Co.	25
2/12 - 3/10/64	Individual Requests	<u>1,061</u>
	TOTAL	2,095

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RELEASE ON OR AFTER
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STATE AID - CAMDEN COUNTY

Trenton, March 9. The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it has allocated \$100,000 in State roadbuilding aid to 16 municipalities in Camden County.

The aid was provided from one of five separate funds which have been authorized by the State Legislature to provide approximately \$16 million in aid to the New Jersey counties and municipalities each year.

Under the provisions of this particular aid source (Allotment Fund), the New Jersey State Highway Department annually receives applications from municipalities interested in constructing or reconstructing portions of their road and street systems. Allocations to each municipality requesting aid in this category are then reviewed with an eye to their relative need. Through this fund a total of \$100,000 is available annually to municipalities within each county.

The amount set aside for each municipality represents the State's 90% share in the total cost of the approved municipal project. Subsequent construction plans are reviewed by the State Highway Department which also provides inspection of materials and inspection of actual construction work.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Complete project list is attached.

CAMDEN COUNTY

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Name of Road</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Barrington Borough	Chesterfield Road	\$ 8,000
Bellmawr Borough	Locust Avenue	7,500
Berlin Borough	Arlington Avenue	6,500
Brooklawn Borough	Fifth & Sixth Streets	5,000
Chesilhurst Borough	Cleveland Avenue & Third Street (Paving)	5,000
Gloucester Township	Coles Avenue	8,000
Gloucester City	Market, Ridgeway & Various Streets	10,000
Laurel Springs Borough	Madison Avenue	5,000
Lindenwold Borough	Lowell Avenue	4,000
Oaklyn Borough	Lakeview Avenue	8,000
Pennsauken Township	Water Works Road & Sheppard Road	6,000
Runnemede Borough	Rowand Avenue	6,000
Somerdale Borough	Crestwood Avenue (Paving)	8,000
Waterford Township	W. Atlantic Avenue, Section 4 & Genesee Ave. (Pav.)	3,000
Winslow Township	Flittertown Road, Section 2	6,000
Woodlynne Borough	Woodlynne Avenue, Section 4 & Elm Avenue	<u>4,000</u>
	Total -----	\$100,000

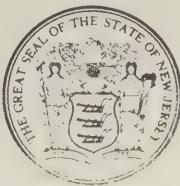




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RELEASE TUESDAY P.M.'s

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Route 440 Freeway
Perth Amboy Alignment

Trenton, March 10 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced adoption of the alignment for the Route 440 Freeway in Woodbridge and Perth Amboy utilizing a modification of the line presented at a public hearing last August.

Commissioner Dwight R. G. Palmer said that in deference to earnest expressions of opinion from local officials the line presented at the public hearing is being shifted so as to avoid the new residences constructed in Columbus Park, a subdivision of Perth Amboy. In further recognition of requests presented at the hearing and the many private meetings with officials of the county and municipalities, the Commissioner said, the right of way for the depressed freeway would be narrowed wherever appropriate by use of wall construction rather than slope. This will naturally reduce the number of properties to be acquired.

The Route 440 Freeway will extend approximately five miles from the intersection of Route 287 with the New Jersey Turnpike in Edison Township to the Outerbridge Crossing at an estimated cost of \$20 million. It is expected to carry a heavy volume of traffic coming across Staten Island from the new Narrows Bridge, due for completion at the end of this year.

The general alignment recommended by the State Highway Department to the Bureau of Public Roads is the result of intensive studies extending over the past eight years. During that period, the Highway Department and its consultants have considered some 20 different locations for the route.

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In recent years the attention has been focused upon the State proposal and two alternates, known as the Lehigh Valley Railroad route and a line generally following one proposed by Perth Amboy City Engineer Louis P. Booz.

The studies demonstrated that the Lehigh Valley route would require interchanges in downtown Perth Amboy which would do an inordinate amount of damage to the City and at the same time would cost approximately \$5,800,000 more than the State's alignment. It would also affect just as many structures and, in addition, damage two churches in the Washington Street area. Likewise, the other alternate would result in considerably more damage in Woodbridge Township and would cost approximately \$5,250,000 more than the alignment recommended by the State.

The Commissioner noted that there is a substantial agreement with local officials regarding the alignment of most of the five miles of the route, and that the controversy has centered around a comparatively short section in the vicinity of Florida Grove Road, the boundary between Perth Amboy and Woodbridge Township.

"Every effort has been made", the Commissioner said, "to avoid doing any lasting damage to this residential area. Extreme pains will be taken in the design of this freeway to minimize the loss of properties and at the same time provide a facility that will not only serve the tremendous volume of traffic expected to flood local streets, but also enhance the aesthetics of the community."

The Commissioner noted that it will take approximately a year to complete final right of way and construction plans. During that period, he said, every effort will be made to notify affected property owners as promptly as possible and to

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assist them with any relocation problems they might face.

The Commissioner noted that the Highway Department has an Advisory Relocation Assistance program, pays a portion of moving costs, and also has a procedure for making down payments so that property owners may find it easier to purchase new locations.

Over the years, the Commissioner said, this badly needed facility has been delayed by the Highway Department's conscientious examination of problems presented by local officials and every objection raised by the citizens of the area through which the highway will pass.

In view of the early completion of the Narrows Bridge, congestion on the existing Route 440 and the future development of the entire Middlesex County area, progress on this route can no longer be delayed.

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STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Traffic Conditions Report

Bureau of Public Information
Trenton 25, New Jersey
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RELEASE FRIDAY MARCH 6, 1964

WEEK OF MARCH 7 - MARCH 13

Trenton, March 6. - The New Jersey State Highway Department, as part of a continuing service to the public, today issued a list of locations within the State where road construction and maintenance may cause interference to motorists during the week of March 7 - March 13.

Bergen

Route 3, East Rutherford -- Traffic will be guided through the construction area throughout the winter.

Route 80, Township of South Hackensack, Teterboro, City of Hackensack -- Huyler Street between North Street and Wesley Street is closed to traffic. Traffic will be detoured from Huyler Street to Wesley Street to Green Street to North Street and back to Huyler Street.

Route 95, Teaneck -- Fort Lee Road is detoured between Glenwood Avenue and the Overpeck Creek Bridge. Glenwood Avenue is detoured between Fort Lee Road and Cypress Street. The condition is the same as that which prevailed last week and it will continue until paving operations are completed.

Bergen-Passaic

Route 80, Paterson -- Madison Avenue (Paterson) traffic has been detoured to permit the construction of Route 80 underpass. The detour will be in effect for six months.

Camden

Route 38, Pennsauken and Cherry Hill Townships -- Traffic will be guided through the construction area during the winter months.

Route 130, Pennsauken to Collingswood -- Traffic will be restricted between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily for the next 10 weeks during widening of roadway under railroad bridges at Westfield Avenue, Pennsauken; Browning Road, Pennsauken, and Haddon Avenue, Collingswood.

Route 168, Glendora to Blackwood -- Traffic will be reduced to one lane during installation of sanitary sewers. No weekend or evening interference.

Essex

Route 21, Belleville -- Traffic will be guided through the construction area. The condition will continue through May, 1964.

Gloucester

Route 45, Mullica Hill -- Traffic will be detoured around the construction area during bridge demolition, grading and paving operations.

Route 45, Mantua, south of Woodbury -- Minor delays during installation of telephone conduit on the south side of the road.

Route 45, Woodbury -- Minor delays during installation of electric and gas utility lines. No evening or weekend interference.

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TRAFFIC CONDITIONS REPORT

Hudson

Route 3, Secaucus -- Traffic will be guided through the construction area on Route 3 between Tonnele Avenue and the Paterson Plank Road.

Hunterdon

Route 69 and U.S. 202, Raritan Township and Borough of Flemington -- Slight delays while construction vehicles move in the work area during curb construction. The condition will continue for one month.

Middlesex

Route 18, Borough of New Brunswick -- Upper New Street is closed from Nielson Street to Route 18 until the New Street bridge is completed.

Route 18, East Brunswick and Madison Townships -- For the remainder of the winter, single lane traffic will be maintained on the southbound roadway at the Main Street ramp area. All other roadways are open. Motorists should exercise caution when moving through areas where shoulders are under construction.

Middlesex-Monmouth

Route 9, Marlboro, Manalapan, Madison -- Slight interference resulting from trucks and construction equipment moving materials throughout the construction area.

Monmouth

Route 35, Middletown -- Minor delays may be expected along Old Kings Highway between Mountain Hill Road and Tindall Road. Delays may be expected at the intersection of Tindall Road and Route 35 during water main installation. The condition will continue for 2 months.

Route 36, Keyport, Raritan Township, Union Beach, Keansburg -- Temporary detour road will be in operation at Flat Creek for 6 months during bridge construction. Traffic will be restricted at East Creek and Waackaack Creek during drainage construction. The condition will continue for 1 year.

Morris-Passaic

Route 23, West Milford and Jefferson Townships -- Traffic will be guided through the construction area.

Somerset

Route 287, Bridgewater Township -- Minor interference may be expected on Route U.S. 202-206 when construction equipment moves around the work site. The condition will continue for 2 months.

Talamini Road bridge and relocated Talamini Road will remain closed while work on the overpass is being completed.

Route 287; Route U.S. 202-206, Bedminster Twp. -- The northbound lanes of Route U.S. 202-206 are being used for two-way traffic. Motorists should exercise caution.

Union

Route 1, Linden -- During construction of turn-slots traffic will be reduced to two lanes.

Warren

Route 24, Lopatcong, Greenwich, Franklin, Washington -- Intermittent delays may be expected during construction operations from Route 22 to Stewartsville Road and from New Village to Lincoln Avenue.

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RELEASE UPON RECEIPT

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One of man's greatest achievements is the suspension bridge which spans wide rivers and deep canyons. But man rarely stops to consider where he got the idea.

Bridge builders believe the suspension bridge got its start when primitive man watched a spider spin a web, as it still does today.

The spider spins loose threads that blow in the breeze until they snag on solid matter some distance away. The spider then creeps out on these suspension threads and starts working back and forth spinning his many-sided web, placing the threads closer and closer together as he nears the center of the web, where the main weight will be when insects get tangled.

The New Jersey State Highway Department has built more than 2100 bridges over rivers, creeks, bays, ravines, railroad tracks and roadways.

Not all are the suspension type, true, but they do provide safer, easier access from one point to another.

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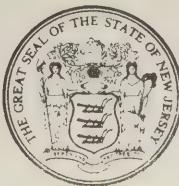
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RELEASE THURSDAY P.M.'S



1964

Interstate Route 287 - ADV

Parsippany-Troy Hills

Town of Boonton

Montville Township

Morris County

Trenton, March 5 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it will receive bids March 26 for the manufacture and erection of permanent traffic directional signs on a recently opened portion of Interstate Route 287 in the vicinity of Boonton, Morris County.

More than 216 signs of various types and sizes will be erected in replacement of temporary signs installed when the highway section was opened last December. The new signs will be located at ramps, intersections and at suitable locations along the roadways to guide motorists.

The new portion of Interstate freeway, extends over a distance of 5.85 miles between the Route 46 - Route U.S. 206 intersection in Parsippany-Troy Hills northward to an intersection with Route U.S. 202 in Montville Township.

An overhead sign will span the southbound lanes of Route 287 at a location about 2000 feet north of the Route 46 intersection at the location where traffic leaves the freeway to connect with Route U.S. 206.

Another overhead sign will span the northbound lanes of Route 287 at the ramp which carries traffic from the freeway into Lathrop Avenue just north of the Main Street underpass.

All guide signs will have the familiar white numerals or lettering on a green background.

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Interstate Route 287 - ADV
Parsippany-Troy Hills
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Directional and speed limit signs will have a black message on a silver reflectorized background.

Ninety per cent of the costs of the signing contract will be paid by the Federal Government while the remaining ten per cent is paid by the State Highway Department.

Work is expected to be completed by Sept. 1, 1964. All bids will be reviewed before a contract is awarded.

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1964

Interstate Route 78
Bridgewater & Warren Twps.
Somerset County
Sale of Buildings

Trenton, March 5 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it will hold a public sale March 10 to offer vacant houses standing within the right-of-way boundaries of proposed Interstate Route 78 in Somerset County.

A Department auctioneer will open the sale at 11 a.m. in one of the buildings to be sold, a frame bungalow located on the easterly side of Hillcrest Road about 700 feet north of Crestwood Drive in Warren Township.

Also in Warren Township is a stone dwelling located on the west side of Plainfield Road about 1,000 feet north of the old Smalleytown Road intersection.

In Bridgewater Township, the vacant building is a single-family frame house located on the south side of Washington Valley Road about 500 feet north of Coriell Drive.

Since the program's inception in 1957, more than 200 buildings not retained by their owners have been sold at public auctions, regaining and saving about \$1 million for the State. During the same period, nearly 300 pieces of land, left after highway construction projects have been completed, have been sold for a total of \$350,000 return to the State.

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RELEASE THURSDAY P.M.'S

1964

Route 24 - Freeway
Millburn, Essex County
Summit, Union County
Sale of Buildings

Trenton, March 5 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today scheduled a public sale March 12 on vacant houses standing within the right-of-way boundaries of the future Route 24 Freeway in Millburn and Summit, Essex and Union Counties.

One of the homes to be offered is a rancher located at 888 Morris & Essex Turnpike where the sale will be held at 11 a.m. The residence is about five years old, and according to a Department spokesman, has cedar shingle and stone veneer exterior walls, four rooms, bath, powder room, dinette and a knotty pine kitchen. The living room includes a working fire place, and picture window.

The other home in Millburn is a two-family frame dwelling at 135 Springfield Avenue. The residence in Summit is a two-story duplex frame house at 57 and 57A Middle Avenue.

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1964
STATE AID - UNION COUNTY

Trenton, Feb. 27 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it has allocated \$100,000 in State roadbuilding aid to 12 municipalities in Union County.

The aid was provided from one of five separate funds which have been authorized by the State Legislature to provide approximately \$16 million in aid to the New Jersey counties and municipalities each year.

Under the provisions of this particular aid source (Allotment Fund), the New Jersey State Highway Department annually receives applications from municipalities interested in constructing or reconstructing portions of their road and street systems. Allocations to each municipality requesting aid in this category are then reviewed with an eye to their relative need. Through this fund a total of \$100,000 is available annually to municipalities within each county.

The amount set aside for each municipality represents the State's 90% share in the total cost of the approved municipal project. Subsequent construction plans are reviewed by the State Highway Department which also provides inspection of materials and inspection of actual construction work.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Complete project list is attached.

UNION COUNTY

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Name of Road</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Berkeley Heights Township	Snyder Avenue	\$9,000
Cranford Township	Riverside Drive Sec. 2, various streets	5,000
City of Elizabeth	Brunswick Avenue, Section 2	10,000
Fanwood Borough	North Avenue, Section 2	8,000
Kenilworth Borough	North 14th Street	10,000
New Providence Borough	Union Avenue, Section 3	9,000
City of Rahway	East Lincoln Avenue	10,000
Roselle Borough	Raritan Road	8,000
Roselle Park Borough	Grant Avenue, Section 4	8,000
Scotch Plains Township	Westfield Road (reconstruction)	10,000
City of Summit	Springfield Avenue	5,000
Union Township	Green Lane, Section 3	<u>8,000</u>
	Total	<u>\$100,000</u>

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STATE AID - BERGEN COUNTY

Trenton, Feb. 27 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it has allocated \$100,000 in State roadbuilding aid to 12 municipalities in Bergen County.

The aid was provided from one of five separate funds which have been authorized by the State Legislature to provide approximately \$16 million in aid to the New Jersey counties and municipalities each year.

Under the provisions of this particular aid source (Allotment Fund), the New Jersey State Highway Department annually receives applications from municipalities interested in constructing or reconstructing portions of their road and street systems. Allocations to each municipality requesting aid in this category are then reviewed with an eye to their relative need. Through this fund a total of \$100,000 is available annually to municipalities within each county.

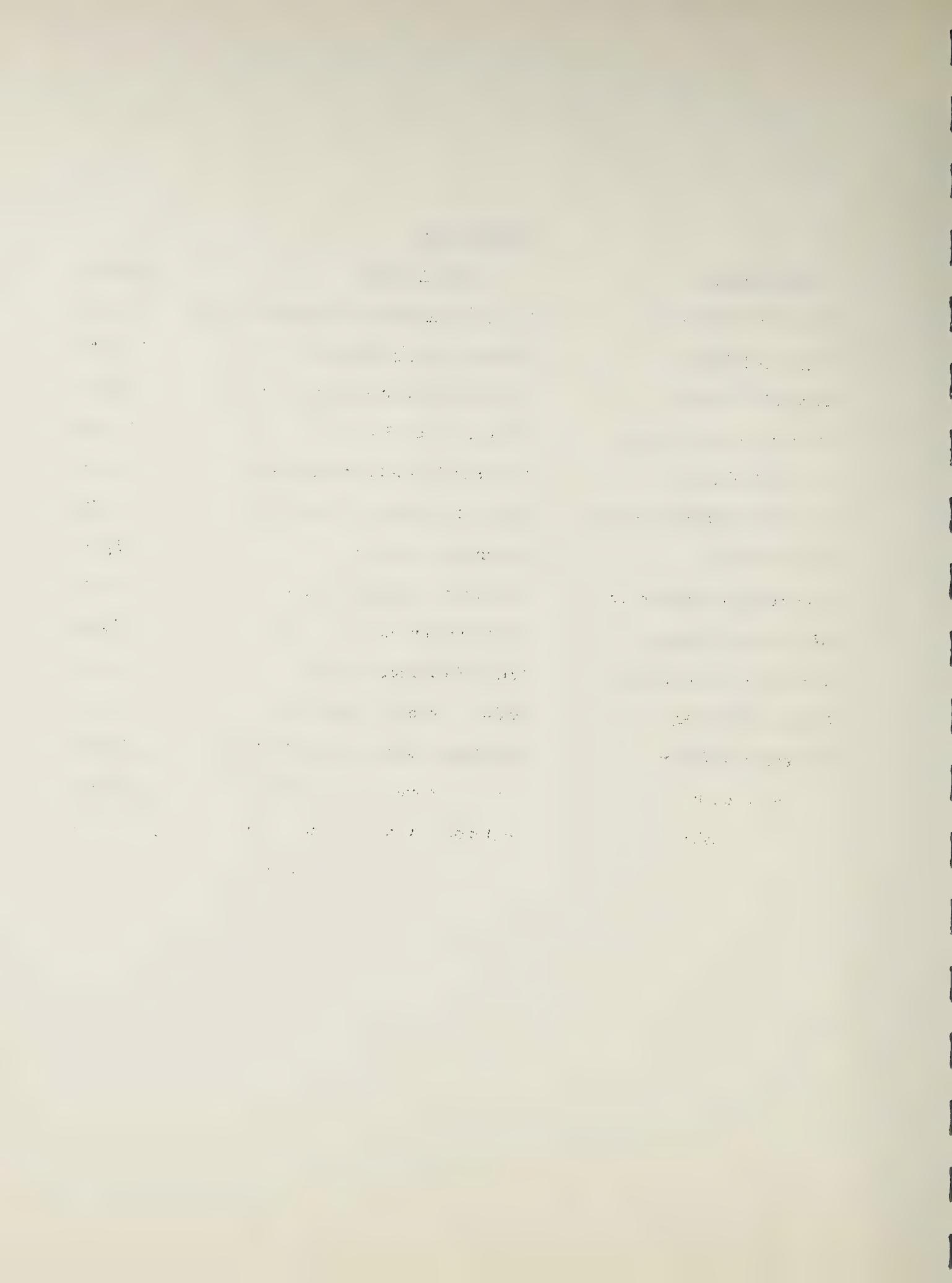
The amount set aside for each municipality represents the State's 90% share in the total cost of the approved municipal project. Subsequent construction plans are reviewed by the State Highway Department which also provides inspection of materials and inspection of actual construction work.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Complete project list is attached.



BERGEN COUNTY

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Name of Road</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bergenfield Borough	E. Clinton Avenue (reconstruction)	\$10,000
Closter Borough	Ruckman Road, Section 2	10,000
Cresskill Borough	Piermont Road, Section 3	10,000
Franklin Lakes Borough	George Street	7,500
Glen Rock Borough	Radburn Road (reconstruction)	5,000
Hasbrouck Heights Borough	Oak Grove Avenue, Section 2	5,500
Lodi Borough	Oak Grove Avenue	5,500
New Milford Borough	Boulevard, Section 3	10,000
Old Tappan Borough	White Avenue	10,000
Palisades Park Borough	E. Palisades Boulevard	10,000
Ramsey Borough	Island Avenue, Section 2	10,000
Teaneck Township	Englewood Avenue (resurfacing)	<u>6,500</u>
	Total	<u>\$100,000</u>



NEW JERSEY

STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Traffic Conditions Report

Bureau of Public Information
Trenton 25, New Jersey
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RELEASE FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28, 1964

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 29 - March 6

Trenton, Feb. 28 - The New Jersey State Highway Department, as part of a continuing service to the public, today issued a list of locations within the State where road construction and maintenance may cause interference to motorists during the week of February 29 - March 6.

Bergen

Route 3, East Rutherford -- Traffic will be guided through the construction area throughout the winter.

Route 80, Township of South Hackensack, Teterboro, City of Hackensack -- Huyler Street between North Street and Wesley Street is closed to traffic. Traffic will be detoured from Huyler Street to Wesley Street to Green Street to North Street and back to Huyler Street.

Route 95, Teaneck -- Fort Lee Road is detoured between Glenwood Avenue and the Overpeck Creek Bridge. Glenwood Avenue is detoured between Fort Lee Road and Cypress Street. The condition is the same as that which prevailed last week and it will continue until paving operations are completed.

Bergen-Passaic

Route 80, Paterson -- Madison Avenue (Paterson) traffic has been detoured to permit the construction of Route 80 underpass. The detour will be in effect for six months.

Camden

Route 38, Pennsauken and Cherry Hill Townships -- Traffic will be guided through the construction area during the winter months.

Route 130, Pennsauken to Collingswood -- Traffic will be restricted between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily for the next 11 weeks during widening of roadway under railroad bridges at Westfield Avenue, Pennsauken; Browning Road, Pennsauken, and Haddon Avenue, Collingswood.

Route 168, Glendora to Blackwood -- Traffic will be reduced to one lane during installation of sanitary sewers. No weekend or evening interference.

Essex

Route 21, Belleville -- Traffic will be guided through the construction area. The condition will continue through May, 1964.

Gloucester

Route 45, Mullica Hill -- Traffic will be detoured around the construction area during bridge demolition, grading and paving operations.

Route 45, Mantua, south of Woodbury -- Minor delays during installation of telephone conduit on the south side of the road.

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TRAFFIC CONDITIONS REPORT

Gloucester cont'd

Route 45, Woodbury -- Minor delays during installation of electric and gas utility lines. No evening or weekend interference.

Hudson

Route 3, Secaucus -- Traffic will be guided through the construction area on Route 3 between Tonnelle Avenue and the Paterson Plank Road.

Middlesex

Route 18, Borough of New Brunswick -- Upper New Street is closed from Nielson Street to Route 18 until the New Street bridge is completed.

Route 18, East Brunswick and Madison Townships -- For the remainder of the winter, single lane traffic will be maintained on the southbound roadway at the Main Street ramp area. All other roadways are open. Motorists should exercise caution when moving through areas where shoulders are under construction.

Middlesex-Monmouth

Route 9, Marlboro, Manalapan, Madison -- Slight interference resulting from trucks and construction equipment moving materials throughout the construction area.

Monmouth

Route 35, Middletown -- Minor delays may be expected along Old Kings Highway between Mountain Hill Road and Tindall Road. Delays may be expected at the intersection of Tindall Road and Route 35 during water main installation. The condition will continue for 2 months.

Route 36, Keppord, Raritan Township, Union Beach, Keansburg -- Temporary detour road will be in operation at Flat Creek for 6 months during bridge construction. Traffic will be restricted at East Creek and Waackaack Creek during drainage construction. The condition will continue for 1 year.

Somerset

Route 287, Bridgewater Township -- Minor interference may be expected on Route U.S. 202-206 when construction equipment moves around the work site. The condition will continue for 3 months.

Talamini Road bridge and relocated Talamini Road will remain closed while work on the overpass is being completed.

Route 287; Route U.S. 202-206, Bedminster Twp. -- The northbound lanes of Route U.S. 202-206 are being used for two-way traffic. Motorists should exercise caution.

Union

Route 1, Linden -- During construction of turn-slots traffic will be reduced to two lanes.

Warren

Route 24, Lopatcong, Greenwich, Franklin, Washington -- Intermittent delays may be expected during construction operations from Route 22 to Stewartsville Road and from New Village to Lincoln Avenue.

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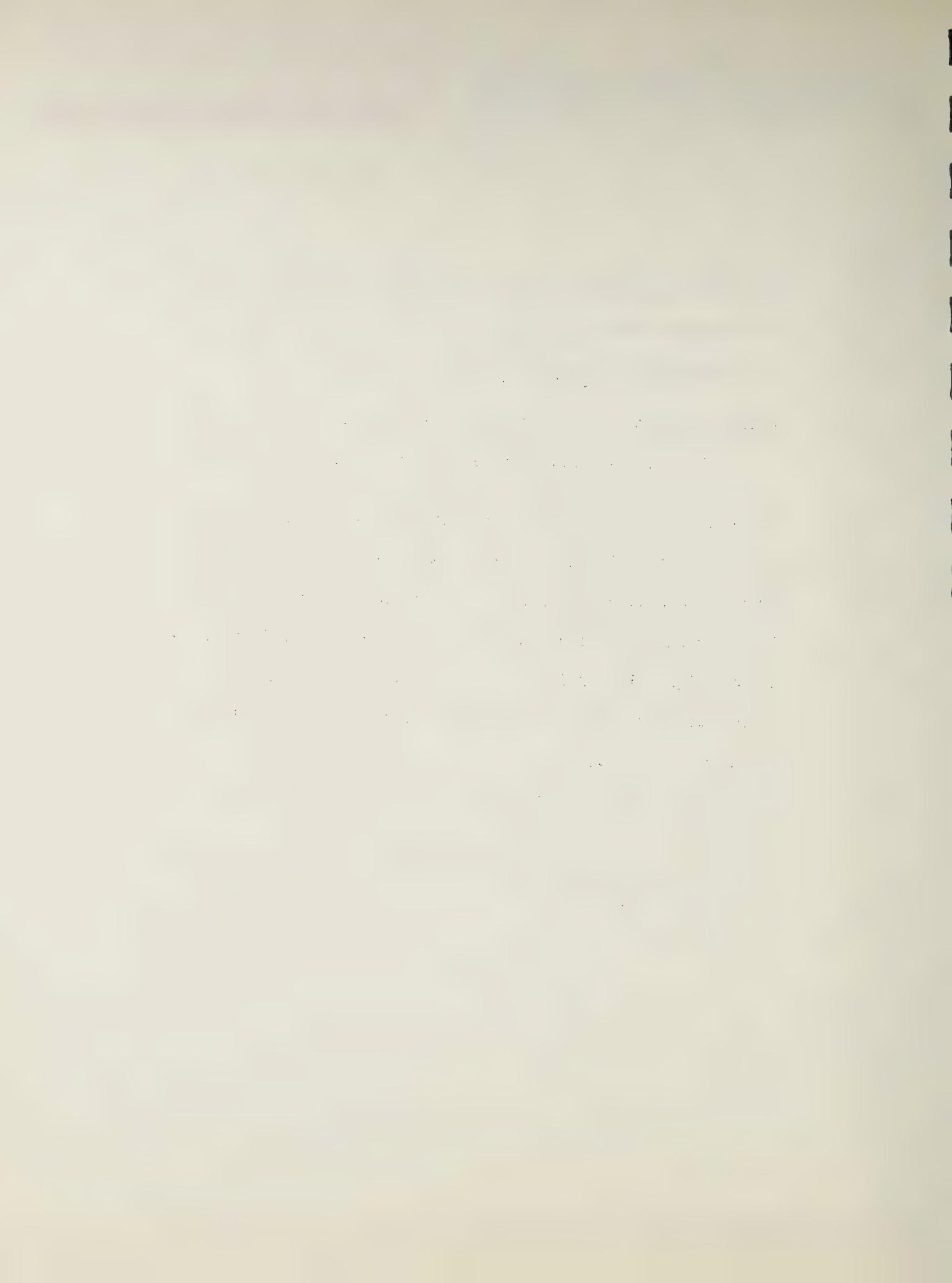
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The New Jersey State Highway Department spends thousands of dollars each year replacing or renovating highway signs that are destroyed, damaged, or stolen by vandals.

Frustrated deer and upland game hunters take pot shots at signs as they drive along our highways to and from their hunting grounds; campaigners of all types with their adhesive backed strip posters and amateur spray paint surrealists disfigure signs with their special talents; muscle men show their fair ladies how virile they are by bending signs and sign posts out of shape; and there are the perennial "college freshmen" who steal signs to decorate their fraternity house walls.

If let alone, these signs would last for years, and the thousands of dollars spent to replace them could be used for other highway improvements.

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Interstate Route 287
Somerset County
Right of Way Acquisition

Trenton, Feb. 27 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it has started the process for purchasing the right of way for Interstate Route 287 in the northern end of Somerset County.

Letters have been mailed to some 170 owners whose properties lie within the corridor the superhighway will follow from Schley Mountain Road in Bedminster Township northward to the Somerset-Morris County line just beyond North Maple Avenue in Bernards Township.

South of Schley Mountain Road five construction projects are nearing completion that will provide about eight miles of highway to Route 22 near Somerville.

Construction and right-of-way plans are now underway for the section which extends from the Somerset-Morris County line to Route 10 in Hanover Township in Morris County. The alignment recommended by the Highway Department for this nine-mile stretch was approved by the Federal Bureau of Public Roads last July.

The letters recently sent to the 170 owners of properties north of Schley Mountain Road advise them their properties will be affected by highway construction and explain the procedures the Department will follow in negotiating with owners.

In the near future the owners will receive visits from Department representatives who will list the features and history of the properties, and photograph the buildings and land features.

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Interstate Route 287
Somerset County
Right-of-Way Acquisition

The next step will see State Highway Department appraisers visiting the properties to ascertain fair market values. They will be followed by Department negotiators who will negotiate the sale of the properties.

The spokesman pointed out the negotiation procedures are similar to private person-to-person transactions. He said the one main exception is that the State, because it is acting in the public interest, has the right to require that the owner sell his property at a fair price.

If the owner exercises his right to reject the offer, a court-appointed three-man commission will set the fair market price. If the owner still thinks the price is not fair, he can appeal to the State Superior Court, and the price will be fixed by jury trial.

The spokesman noted that out of every 100 negotiations between the Highway Department and land owners, less than five cases go to the courts, and added that a portion of this small percentage usually is due to faulty titles.

He attributed the high percentage of property negotiations which are settled on a friendly basis to the Department's procedures, which are based on professional practices and standards; and the Department's desire to exhaust all amicable means of negotiating the sale.

The letters to affected property owners also offer a new Relocation Advisory Assistance service to owners and tenants who must move out of the way of the Federal Aid highway construction. This program is designed to aid them in
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finding new residences. Another part of the same service, available after the families or tenants move, will provide up to \$200 of the moving costs. If a business must relocate, a moving cost reimbursement of up to \$3,000 will be available.

The spokesman added that the Department will contact those eligible for the Relocation services well in advance of their actual need.

John J. Henn

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE



1964
Route 27 - BIDS
Cherry Street
City of Elizabeth
Union County

Trenton, Feb. 27 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced a low bid of \$43,039.90 was received from Watchung Paving Co., Westfield, on a project for resurfacing a portion of Route 27 in Union County.

Other bidders on the project were: Robert Bossert and Co., Inc., Newark, \$54,778.57; Della Pello Contracting Co., Inc., Union, \$59,429.20; J. Turco Paving Contractor, Inc., Kearney, \$59,480.85; Mal-Bros Contracting Co., West Caldwell, \$62,370.00; C. H. Winans Co., Roselle, \$64,458.80; Franklin Contracting Co., Little Falls, \$66,225.50; Ralph Barrone and Sons, Kenilworth, \$66,244.84; J. F. Chapman and Son, Inc., Hillside, \$72,284.37 and Schiavone Construction Co., Secaucus, \$81,506.20.

The nearly one-half mile project will include the portion of Route 27 (Cherry Street) between Route 27 (Rahway Avenue) and Route 28 (Westfield Avenue), which crosses Murray Street, West Jersey Street and West Grand Street in the City of Elizabeth.

On this portion of Route 27, two lanes of traffic are presently carried in each direction, northbound and southbound on a granite block surface which has become badly deteriorated.

From Route 27 (Rahway Avenue) northward along Route 27 (Cherry Street) to Route 28 (Westfield Avenue), the granite block surface will be removed. A new bituminous concrete surfaced pavement will then be built. Existing curbs and sidewalks will remain.

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Route 27 - BIDS
Cherry Street
City of Elizabeth
Union County

The bridge carrying the highway over the Central Railroad of New Jersey between West Grand Street and Westfield Avenue will be resurfaced. The existing brick surface will be removed and a new reinforced concrete surface having a special grit coating for increased safety will be built.

Traffic will be detoured through local streets during construction operations.

Costs of the project, which will take 30 working days to complete, will be paid entirely by the New Jersey State Highway Department.

All bids will be reviewed before a contract is awarded.

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ROUTE 208
Hawthorne, Passaic County
LAND SALE

Trenton, February 27 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it has scheduled a public sale March 3 to offer a piece of land located along Route 208 in Hawthorne, Passaic County.

The Department auctioneer will open the sale to public bidding 11:30 a.m., on the property, a wedge-shaped lot fronting Route 208, Sixth Avenue, Eighth Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue. The lot contains about 1,100 square feet, and has free access from all directions.

The public sale is the result of a continuing inspection of the Department's right-of-way holdings so that odd pieces of land left after construction is completed can be returned to useful service and municipal tax rolls. The sales also return to the State a portion of the land's original purchase price.

Since the program's inception in 1957 nearly 300 "odds and ends" of land have been sold by the Department, regaining close to \$350,000 for the State. During the same period, hundreds of homes and buildings have been sold at public auctions, regaining and saving about \$1 million for the State.

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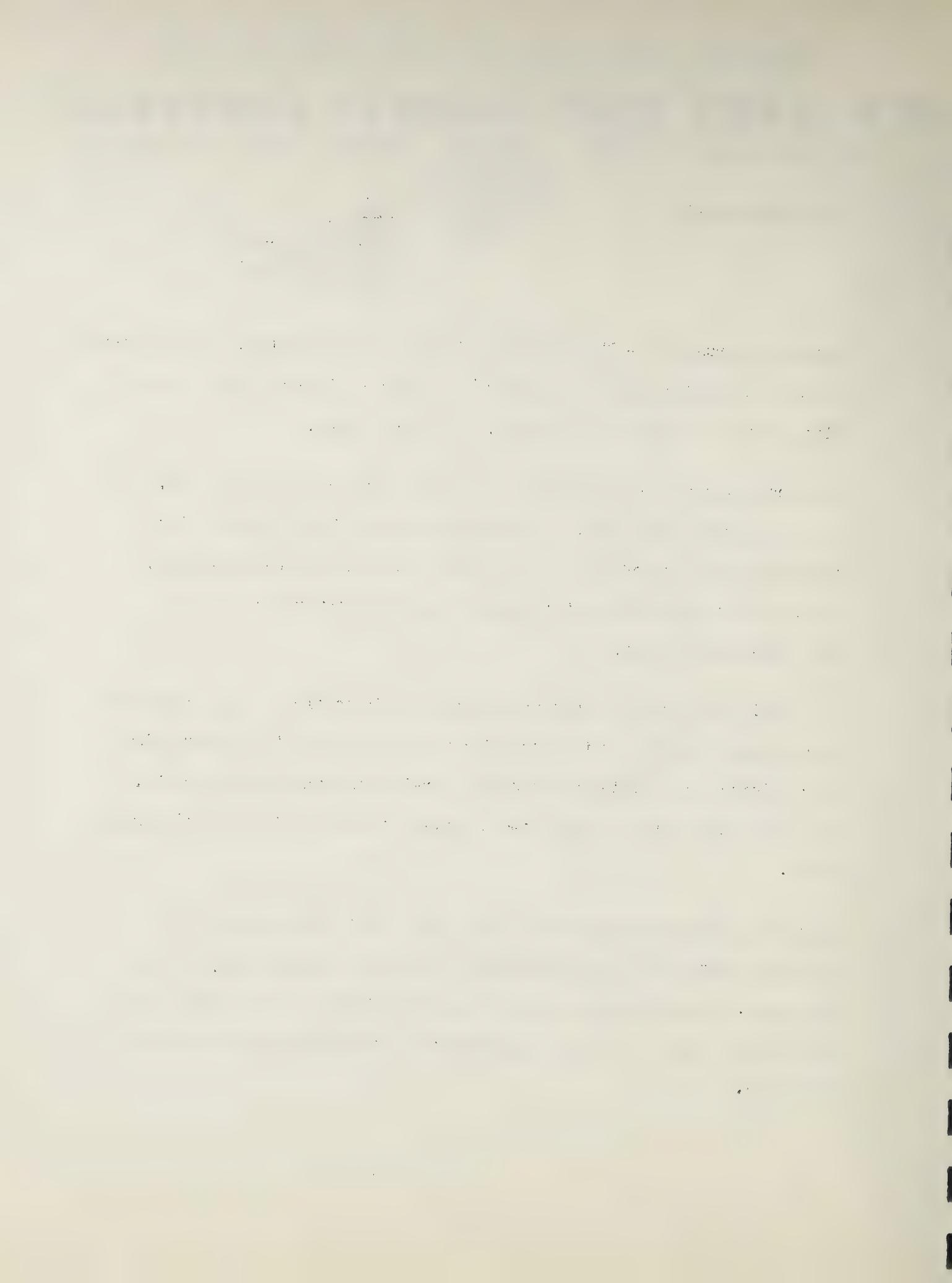
Sayreville Borough
Middlesex County
LAND SALE

Trenton, February 27 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it has scheduled a public sale March 4 to offer a piece of land located along Route 9 in Sayreville Borough, Middlesex County.

A Department auctioneer will open the sale to public bidding at 11 a.m. on the property to be sold, a wedge-shaped piece of land located along the northbound side of Route 9 about 650 feet north of Ernston Avenue. The lot has roughly 350 feet frontage along the highway and contains some 8,750 square feet.

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ROUTE 10 - ADV.

East Hanover Township
Morris County

Trenton February 27 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced bids will be received March 19 for the improvement of a portion of Route 10 including the construction of turnarounds at Mount Pleasant Avenue in Morris County.

The 0.28 mile project is intended to improve traffic movement in the vicinity of the intersection of Route 10 and Mount Pleasant Avenue in East Hanover Township. At this location Mount Pleasant Avenue nearly parallels the southern edge of Route 10 and traffic to and from a variety of business establishments has complicated the flow of traffic.

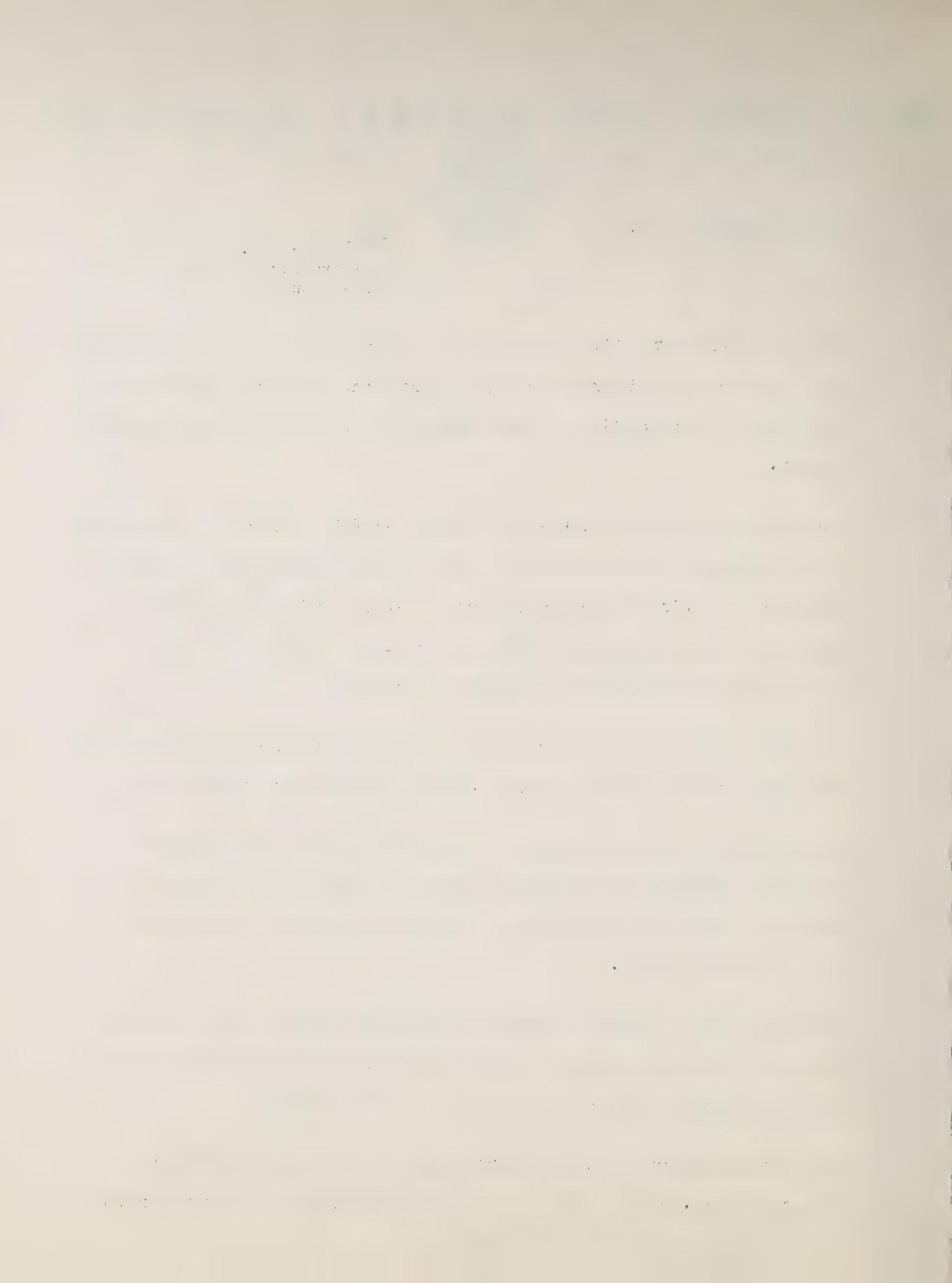
At present both directions of traffic on Route 10 connect with both directions of traffic on Mount Pleasant Avenue through a channelized intersection.

The channelized intersection will be replaced by a left turn jughandle permitting eastbound Route 10 traffic to reach Mount Pleasant Avenue and then use a new connecting roadway to cross the highway or to turn safely to the westbound lanes.

Westbound Route 10 traffic desiring to make a turnaround to the eastbound lanes or to cross the highway to reach Mount Pleasant Avenue will use a new left turn jughandle under the protection of traffic signals.

The improved portion of Mount Pleasant Avenue will consist of subbase 12 inches thick, macadam base course 7 inches thick and a 3 inch thickness

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ROUTE 10 - ADV
East Hanover Township
Morris County

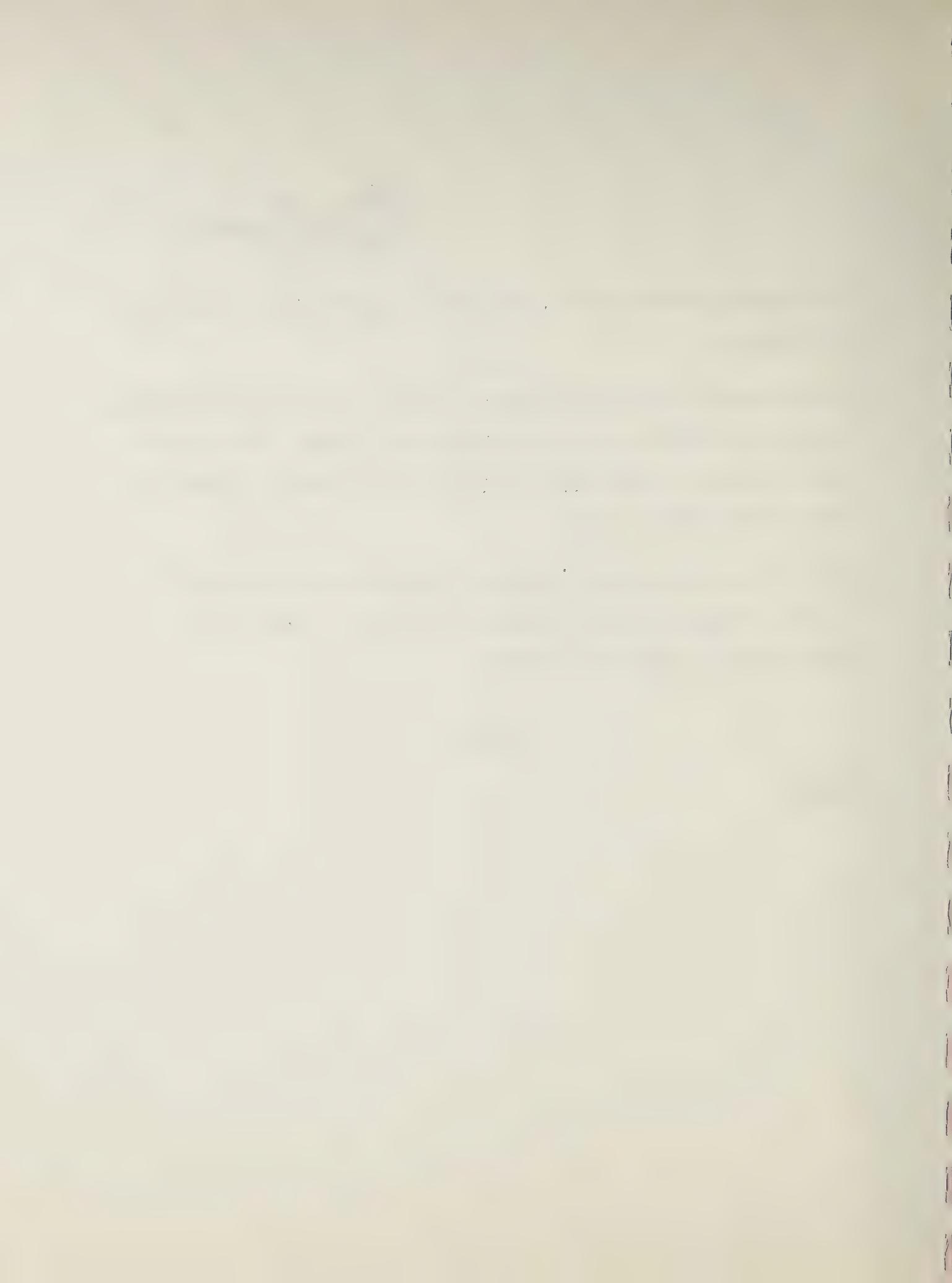
of bituminous concrete surface. Two lanes of traffic will be carried in each direction.

The new ramp for the Route 10 westbound jughandle as well as the connecting roadways will consist of subbase 12 inches thick, macadam base course 7 inches thick and a 3 inch thick bituminous concrete surface bordered by white concrete vertical curb.

Costs of the project, which will take 40 working days to complete will be paid entirely by the State Highway Department. All bids will be reviewed before a contract is awarded.

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RELEASE THURSDAY P.M.'S



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BRIDGE PAINTING - ADV

Trenton, Feb. 27 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it will receive bids March 19 on six contracts for painting a total of 14 bridges on the State Highway System.

The six proposed projects include bridges in Bergen, Gloucester, Middlesex, Ocean, and Salem Counties.

The contracts will provide for painting steel girders, bearings, railings, lamp posts and all other surfaces requiring protective coatings.

Two bridges on Route 208 in the Boroughs of Fairlawn and Glen Rock, Bergen County will be painted under a single contract.

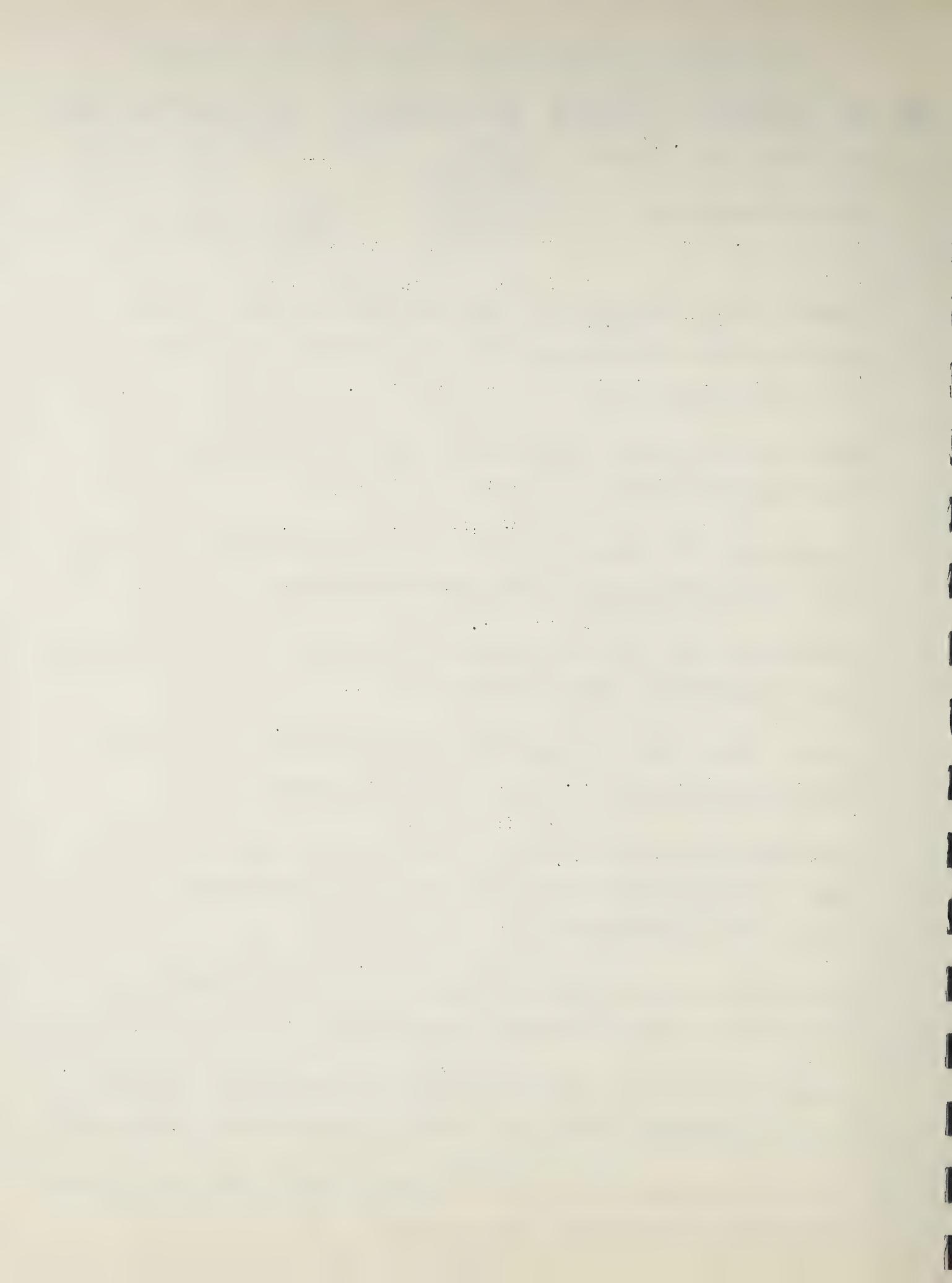
Another contract will provide for painting of six bridges on Route 17 in the Borough of Ramsey and the Township of Mahwah, Bergen County.

Three drawbridges on Route U.S. 130 and Route 44 in the Borough of Paulsboro, Logan Township and Oldmans Township in Gloucester and Salem Counties will be painted under a single contract.

A fourth contract will include painting of the Passaic River drawbridge on Route 3 in the Borough of Rutherford, Bergen County.

Partial sand blasting and complete painting of the Manahawkin Bay Bridge on Route 72 in Stafford Township, Ocean County, will be done under a single contract.

The drawbridge carrying Route 35 over the Raritan River in Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, will be painted under a single contract.
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BRIDGE PAINTING - ADV

Steelwork on the more than 2,000 State Highway bridges is normally repainted every seven years except in industrial and seashore areas where corrosive elements in the atmosphere require painting work to be done at more frequent intervals.

Costs of the projects will be paid entirely by the State Highway Department. All bids will be reviewed before a contract is awarded.

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ROUTE 9

INFORMATION CENTER

Manalapan-Freehold Townships

Monmouth County

Trenton, February 27 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it will open a one-day Information Center March 3 to answer all questions concerning the dualization of Route 9 in Manalapan and Freehold Townships, Monmouth County.

Work on the \$1.2 million project is expected to begin March 2 on the 2.7-mile stretch between Milford Brook in Manalapan Township and Englishtown Road in Freehold Township.

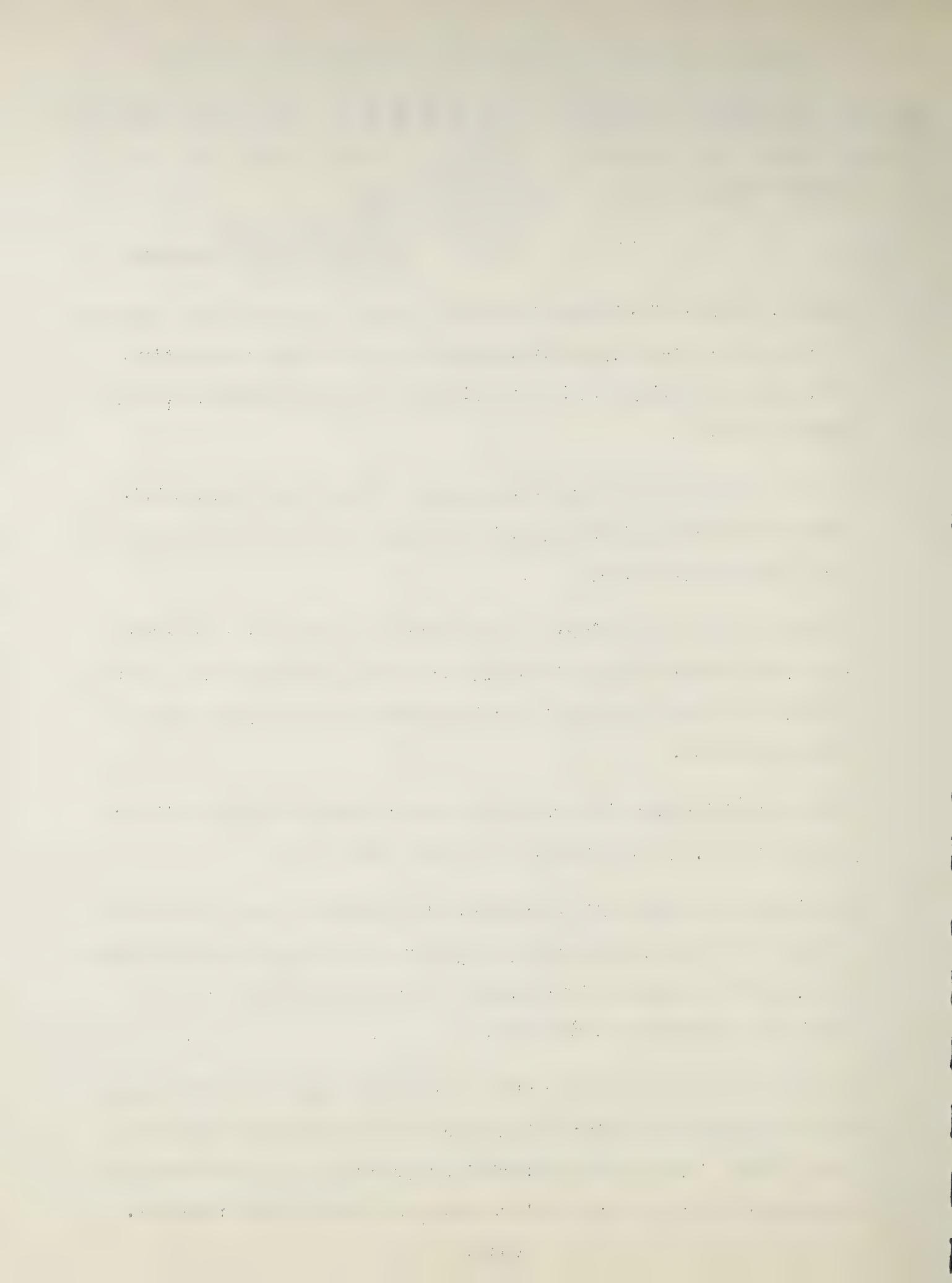
A Highway Department spokesman said the Information Center is a new effort to explain highway projects at the time construction begins so that affected or interested residents can get full information on right-of-way or construction details.

The Center will open at 12 noon in the Freehold Borough Municipal Building on West Main Street in Freehold, and continue until 9 p.m.

Construction engineers will be on hand at the Information Center to explain details of the construction, and Right-of-Way representatives will be present to explain the procedures for purchasing the property necessary for jughandles and intersection connections.

The first stage of construction will see crews starting work in the vicinity of Milford Brook and working southward to clear the northbound side of the right of way. Trees, brush and turf will be removed, and any mailboxes now standing in the right of way will be removed and reset for the residents.

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ROUTE 9
INFORMATION CENTER
Manalapan-Freehold Townships
Monmouth County

Owners of signs which have been erected within the right of way boundaries will be notified before the signs are removed.

Soon after the clearing work has started, other construction crews will begin excavating for, and placing the pipes, catch basins and inlets that will form the new road drainage system.

The next stage calls for construction of bridge culverts over Weamonk Creek and Tepehemus Branch, followed shortly by similar construction at McGelliards Brook and Tepehemus Brook.

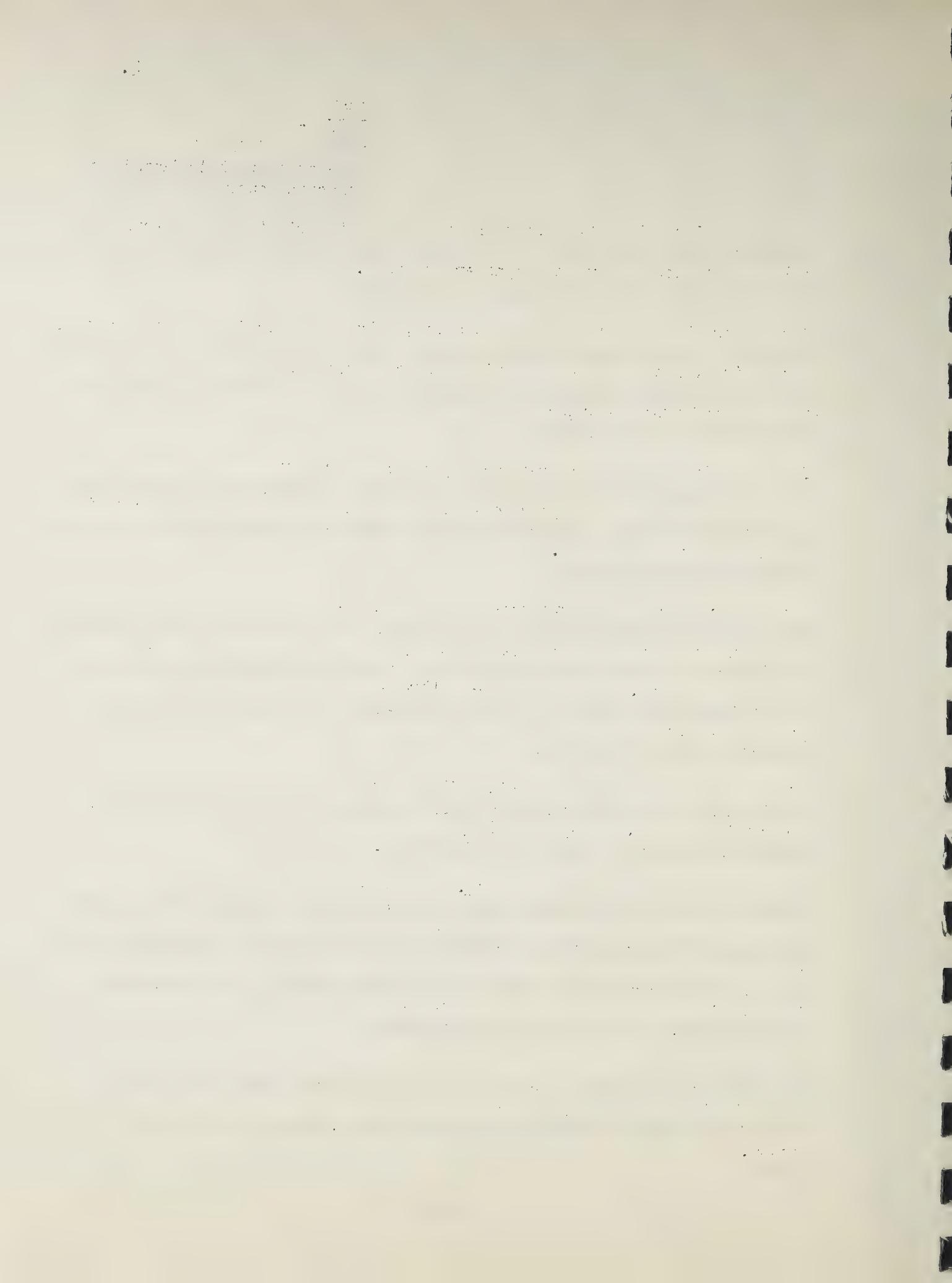
When the culvert construction is well along, the workmen will begin installing the foundation in the northbound roadbed, then lay a bituminous base on top of the foundation, and finally lay a three-inch bituminous concrete surface pavement on top of the base.

Final work on the northbound side will see the new roadway and the center median landscaped, and guard rail installed.

Toward the end of the construction, traffic will be detoured onto completed portions of the new northbound roadway so that the existing southbound roadway can be resurfaced with bituminous concrete pavement, the shoulders hard-surfaced, and the road sides landscaped.

The dualization project is one of four aimed at dualizing Route 9 from Route 18 in Madison Township to Tollgate Corner, some 11 miles to the south.

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Manalapan-Freehold Townships

Monmouth County

Dualization of the highway is now underway from Route 18 to Milford Brook under a \$1.7 million contract. The project which will begin March 2 will carry the dualization to Englishtown Road, and a future contract will extend the dualization to Tollgate Corner. Work is now underway to dualize the highway from Tollgate Corner to Adelphia Road.

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1964

Express Bus Route
Bergen County

Trenton, Feb. 25 - The State Highway Department has announced engineers will shortly undertake a study on the feasibility of constructing a bus roadway on the unused portion of the New York Central Railroad right of way, West Shore Division, without removing the rail freight tracks.

A Department spokesman noted that if the project were found feasible, express bus service could run over a ten-mile stretch of the rail property between Ridgefield Park and Harrington Park, New Jersey, feeding directly into the approach highways leading to the George Washington Bridge and the Lincoln Tunnel.

The Highway Department's schedule calls for completion of the study, including preliminary design engineering and cost estimates, in about ten weeks. The cost of the study will be shared by the Highway Department and the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads.

The study is part of a two-state project aimed at determining the feasibility of this special roadway for an express bus operation to serve Bergen County (New Jersey) and Rockland County (New York) riders. The overall project will be coordinated by the Tri-State Transportation Committee in cooperation with the New Jersey Division of Railroad Transportation and New York State Office of Transportation to improve mass transportation services in the Eastern Bergen-Rockland County area. The two Counties, railroad and bus companies are assisting in the development of the report.

If the feasibility is established, the findings of this study will be used by

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the Tri-State Transportation Committee to develop an application to the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency for a Mass Transportation Demonstration Grant to test such an express bus service.

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NEW JERSEY

STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Traffic Conditions Report

Bureau of Public Information
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RELEASE FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21, 1964

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22 - FEBRUARY 28

Trenton, Feb. 21 - The New Jersey State Highway Department, as part of a continuing service to the public, today issued a list of locations within the State where road construction and maintenance may cause interference to motorists during the week of February 22 - February 28.

Bergen

Route 3, East Rutherford -- Traffic will be guided through the construction area throughout the winter.

Route 80, Township of South Hackensack, Teterboro, City of Hackensack -- Huyler Street between North Street and Wesley Street is closed to traffic. Traffic will be detoured from Huyler Street to Wesley Street to Green Street to North Street and back to Huyler Street.

Route 95, Teaneck -- Fort Lee Road is detoured between Glenwood Avenue and the Overpeck Creek Bridge. Glenwood Avenue is detoured between Fort Lee Road and Cypress Street. The condition is the same as that which prevailed last week and it will continue until paving operations are completed.

Bergen-Passaic

Route 80, Paterson -- Madison Avenue (Paterson) traffic has been detoured to permit the construction of Route 80 underpass. The detour will be in effect for six months.

Camden

Route 38, Pennsauken and Cherry Hill Townships -- Traffic will be guided through the construction area during the winter months.

Route 130, Pennsauken to Collingswood -- Traffic will be restricted between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily for the next 12 weeks during widening of roadway under railroad bridges at Westfield Avenue, Pennsauken; Browning Road, Pennsauken, and Haddon Avenue, Collingswood.

Route 168, Glendora to Blackwood -- Traffic will be reduced to one lane during installation of sanitary sewers. No weekend or evening interference.

Essex

Route 21, Belleville -- Traffic will be guided through the construction area. The condition will continue through February.

Gloucester

Route 45, Mullica Hill -- Traffic will be detoured around the construction area during bridge demolition, grading and paving operations.

Route 45, Mantua, south of Woodbury -- Minor delays during installation of telephone conduit on the south side of the road.

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TRAFFIC CONDITIONS REPORT

Gloucester cont'd

Route 45, Woodbury -- Minor delays during installation of electric and gas utility lines. No evening or weekend interference.

Hudson

Route 3, Secaucus -- Traffic will be guided through the construction area on Route 3 between Tonelle Avenue and the Paterson Plank Road.

Middlesex

Route 18, Borough of New Brunswick -- Upper New Street is closed from Nielson Street to Route 18 until the New Street bridge is completed.

Route 18, East Brunswick and Madison Townships -- For the remainder of the winter, single lane traffic will be maintained on the southbound roadway at the Main Street ramp area. All other roadways are open. Motorists should exercise caution when moving through areas where shoulders are under construction.

Middlesex-Monmouth

Route 9, Marlboro, Manalapan, Madison -- Slight interference resulting from trucks and construction equipment moving materials throughout the construction area.

Monmouth

Route 35, Middletown -- Minor delays may be expected along Old Kings Highway between Mountain Hill Road and Tindall Road. The condition will continue for 2 months.

Route 36, Keyport, Raritan Township, Union Beach, Keansburg -- Temporary detour road will be in operation at Flat Creek for 6 months during bridge

construction. Traffic will be restricted at East Creek and Waackaack Creek during drainage construction. The condition will continue for 1 year.

Somerset

Route 287, Bridgewater Township -- Minor interference may be expected on Route U.S. 202-206 when construction equipment moves around the work site. The condition will continue for 3 months.

Talamini Road bridge and relocated Talamini Road will remain closed while work on the overpass is being completed.

Route 287; Route U.S. 202-206, Bedminster Twp. -- The northbound lanes of Route U.S. 202-206 are being used for two-way traffic. Motorists should exercise caution.

Union

Route 1, Linden -- During construction of turn-slots traffic will be reduced to two lanes.

Warren

Route 24, Lopatcong, Greenwich, Franklin, Washington -- Intermittent delays may be expected during construction operations from Route 22 to Stewartsville Road and from New Village to Lincoln Avenue.

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RELEASE THURSDAY P.M.'S



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Route U.S. 30 - ADV
Waterford Twp.
Camden County

Trenton, Feb. 20 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it will receive bids March 12 for the construction of traffic turnarounds at the intersection of Route U.S. 30 and Atco Avenue in Waterford Township, Camden County.

Work on the project will also include drainage improvements on about one mile of Route U.S. 30 in the area.

Southbound traffic on Route U.S. 30 desiring to turn at Atco Avenue or to turnaround to the northbound lanes of the highway will enter Granger Avenue through a connecting ramp and continue to an intersection with Atco Avenue.

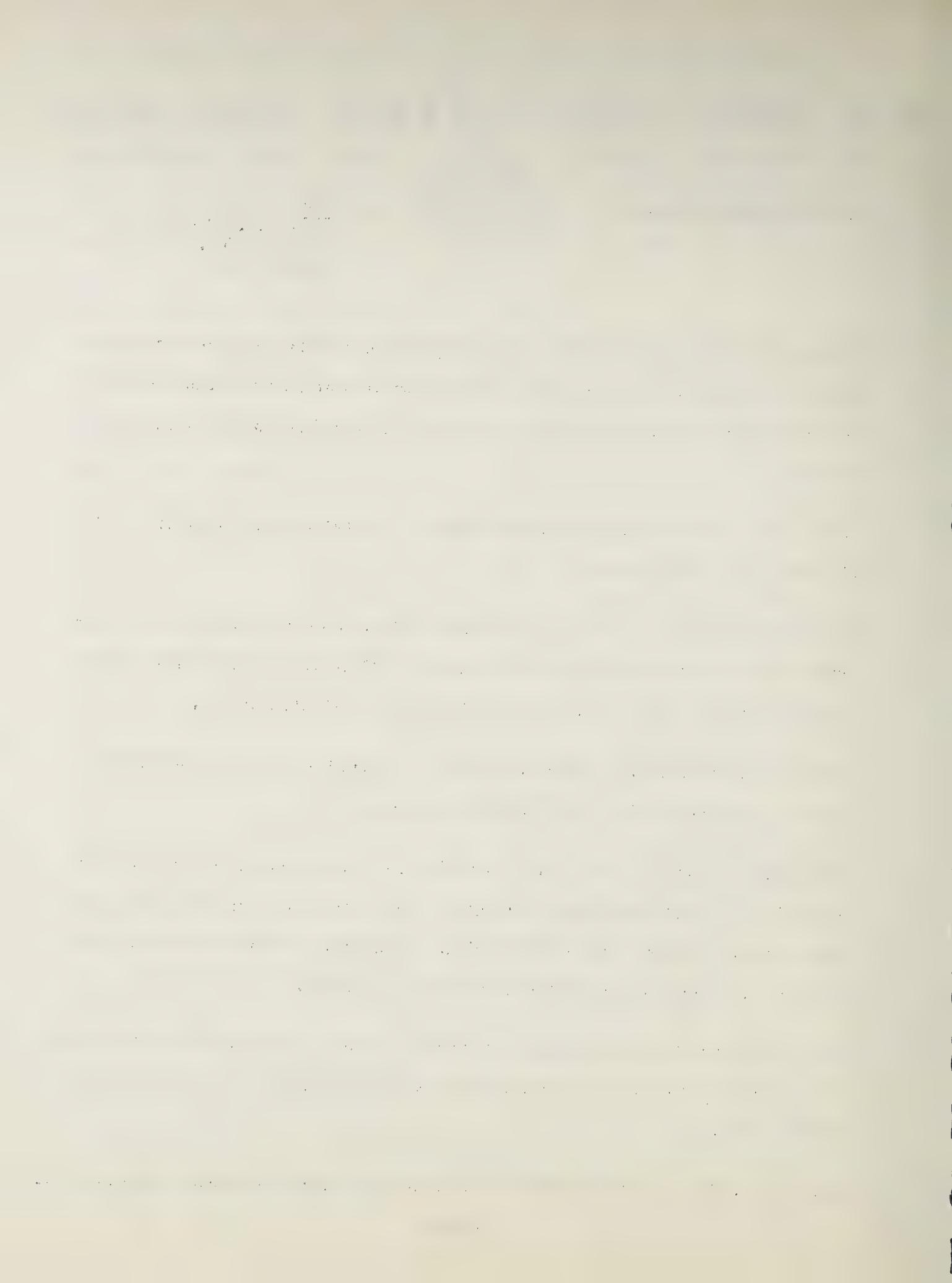
Access to properties on Granger Avenue will be provided from Atco Avenue and from the eastbound Route U.S. 30 connecting ramp.

Northbound traffic on Route U.S. 30 desiring to turn at Atco Avenue or to turnaround to the southbound lanes will enter Auburn Avenue at a location about 600 feet south of the Atco Avenue intersection, turn left on West Second Street and continue northward to the intersection with Atco Avenue.

West Second Street will be widened to 30 feet and will carry one lane of traffic in each direction on a bituminous concrete surface bordered by white concrete vertical curb.

Westbound traffic on Auburn Avenue will be able to reach northbound Route U.S. 30.

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Route U.S. 30 - ADV
Waterford Twp.
Camden County

Two lanes of traffic will be carried on Atco Avenue west of Route U.S. 30 on a roadway to be constructed 40 feet wide consisting of subbase 8 inches thick, bituminous concrete base course 4 inches thick and a bituminous concrete surface 3 inches thick. The roadway will be bordered by white concrete vertical curb. Sidewalks will be provided.

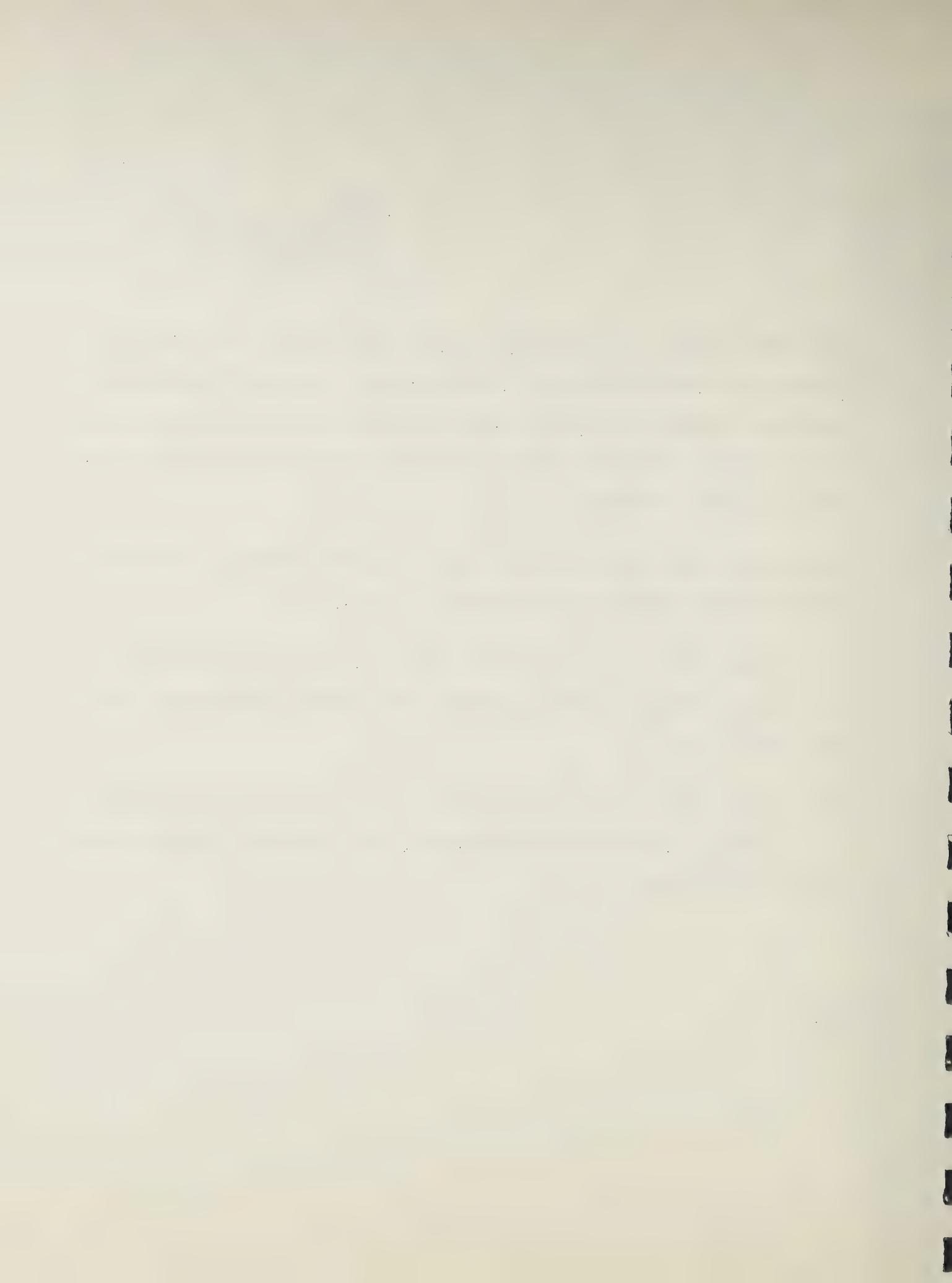
Granger Avenue will carry one lane of traffic in each direction on bituminous concrete roadway bordered by white concrete vertical curb.

Auburn Avenue will consist of a 42 foot wide bituminous concrete surface built on top of the existing bituminous treated gravel surface and bordered by concrete vertical curb.

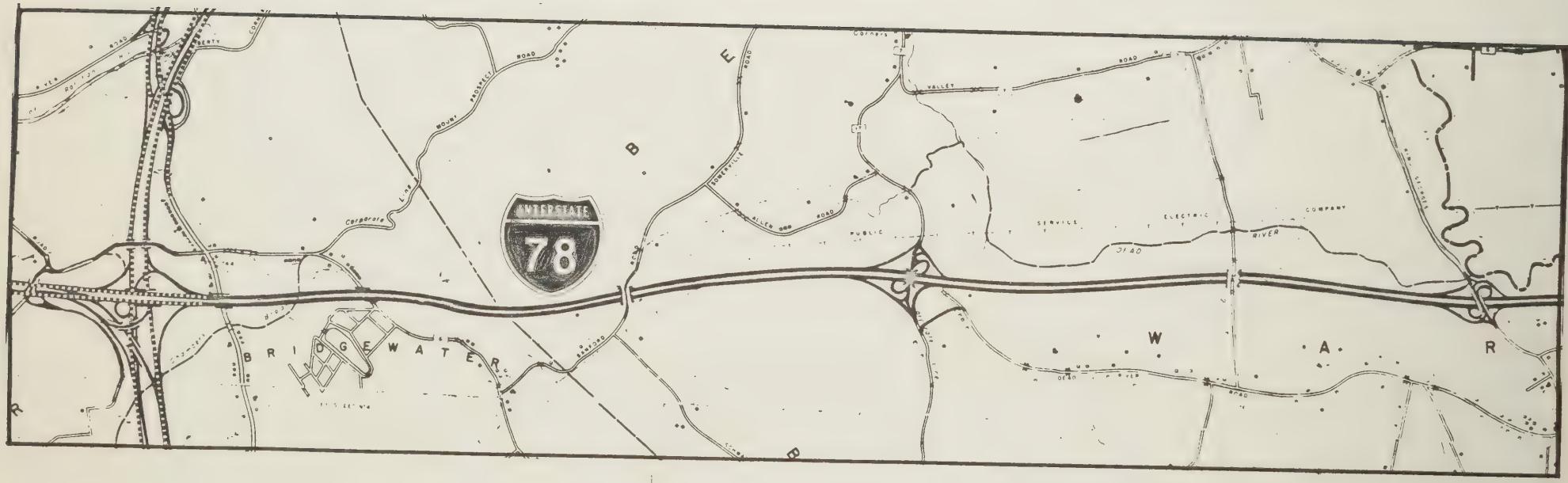
Costs of the project, which is expected to take 50 working days to complete, will be paid by the State Highway Department. All bids will be reviewed before a contract is awarded.

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Interstate Route 78 - ADV
Pluckemin

Bernards Twp., Bridgewater Twp.
Warren Twp., Somerset County

Trenton, Feb. 20 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it will receive bids March 12 for incidental grading, drainage structures and the construction of bridges on a portion of Interstate Route 78 in Somerset County.

Work will include the construction of bridges, bridge approach roadways and roadway grading at selected locations along the proposed line of Route 78 from the intersection with Route 287 eastward to King George Road in Pluckemin, Bernards Township, Bridgewater Township and Warren Township.

At the proposed intersection of Interstate Route 78 with Route U.S. 202-206 in Pluckemin, two new bridges will be built to carry the roadways of Route 78 over the highway.

In Bridgewater Township at the intersection of Washington Valley Road with the Interstate Route, two new bridges will be built to carry the roadways of Route 78 over the local road. Washington Valley Road will be rebuilt in the area of the bridge construction. During construction, a temporary detour road will channel traffic on the local road around the construction site.

Further east, a new bridge will be built to carry Martinsville Road over the proposed new freeway. The portions of Martinsville Avenue and Mountain View Road near the crossing will be rebuilt. A temporary detour road will enable traffic on Martinsville Road to by-pass the construction area.

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the first time I have seen a specimen of *Leucostethus* from the Andes. It is a very small lizard, about 10 mm. long, with a dark brown dorsal surface, lighter on the sides, and a light brown ventral surface. The head is broad, with a distinct neck. The body is elongated, and the tail is slightly longer than the body. The scales are smooth, and the skin is thin. The eyes are large and prominent. The nostrils are located on the upper surface of the snout. The mouth is small and shallow. The forelimbs are short, and the hindlimbs are longer. The toes are long and slender. The claws are sharp and curved. The tail is slightly flattened laterally. The coloration is uniform throughout the body, except for the darker dorsal area. The skin appears slightly shiny. The overall appearance is that of a small, slender lizard.

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Interstate Route 78 - ADV
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Bernards Twp., Bridgewater Twp.,
Warren Twp., Somerset County

Two bridges will carry Route 78 over Dead River Tributary.

A new bridge will carry Dead River Road over Route 78.

A culvert will carry Route 78 over Pound Brook.

Future plans call for the construction of nearly 6.4 miles of interstate freeway in the area of the proposed project. Three lanes of traffic will be carried in each direction, eastbound and westbound on bituminous concrete pavement.

Ninety percent of the costs of Interstate route construction is paid by the Federal Government while the remaining ten percent is paid by the State Highway Department.

Work on the project is expected to be completed in 360 working days. All bids will be reviewed before a contract is awarded.

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New Jersey is in the middle of the greatest highway construction program of its history.

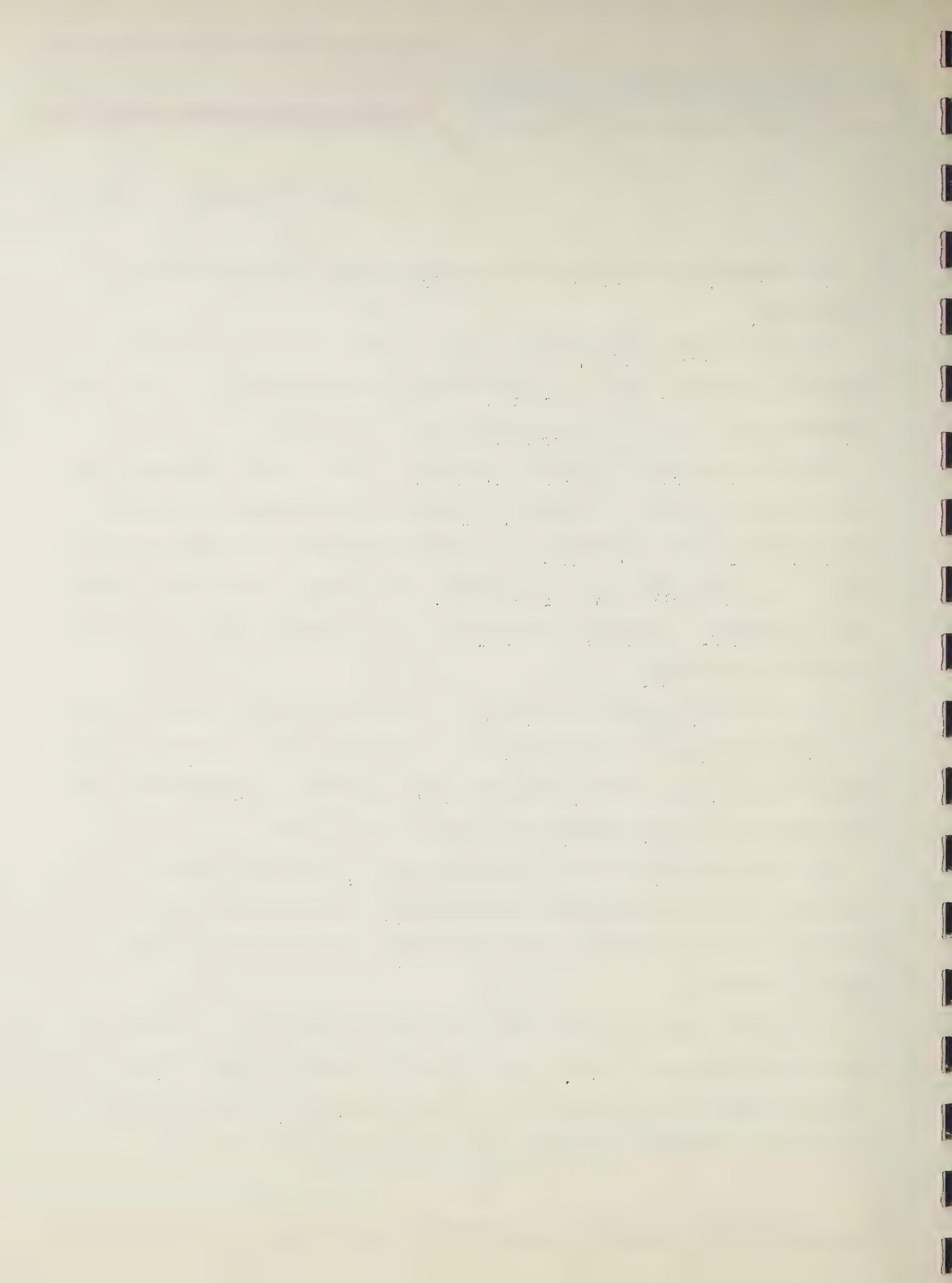
Any plan of this magnitude presents many problems, not the least of which is financial. The money angle is difficult enough, but the job that, at times, seems insurmountable, is that of acquiring the right of way lands.

Because New Jersey is so highly urbanized, the State Highway Department finds it impossible to lay out a roadway without affecting a relatively large number of individually owned properties. And although the steps to be taken to secure right of way are spelled out by Legislation, there is much more than just the law to be considered. Agreements, the Department feels, should be worked out on a person to person basis.

As the result, anyone whose property will be affected by a proposed new road is notified by registered mail as soon as the Department has a good idea of what its land requirements will be, and later visited in person by trained appraisers and negotiators who will explain each step of the procedure.

The main objective is to reach amicable basis for buying the property, but there are times when condemnation proceedings must be instituted. This is legal action to protect the private citizen by placing the burden of proof on the Highway Department.

It is worth noting that less than five percent of right of way acquisition cases go to condemnation court. Most of these are required because of legal technicalities that have nothing to do with the Department's ability to achieve a "meeting of the minds" with known legal owners of parcels it must buy.

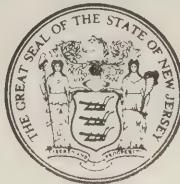


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ROUTE 38 and ROUTE 78 - BIDS
Cherry Hill Township
Camden County
DRAINAGE

Trenton, February 20 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced a low bid of \$180,776.73 was received from A. H. Lupton Jr., Inc., Bridgeton on a drainage improvement project to relieve flooding conditions on portions of Route 38 and Route 78 in Camden County.

Other bidders on the project were: H . H. Rouse, Inc., Browns Mills, \$211,147.50; Edward H. Ellis and Sons, Inc., Cherry Hill, \$279,114.00.

Flood conditions will be relieved in the area where the Pennsylvania Railroad is carried over Route 38 in Cherry Hill Township by the installation of additional drainage inlets and 1400 linear feet of 48 inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe.

Storm water is presently carried from the area of the railroad underpass along the western edge of the railroad right of way to an outfall about 1400 feet south of Route 38. The 48 inch diameter pipe will be laid along the eastern edge of the railroad right of way and will cross under the railroad to the outfall.

From the area of the bridge which carries the Pennsylvania Railroad over Route 70 in Cherry Hill Township nearly 1200 linear feet of 48 inch diameter corrugated metal sewer pipe will be laid along the western edge of the

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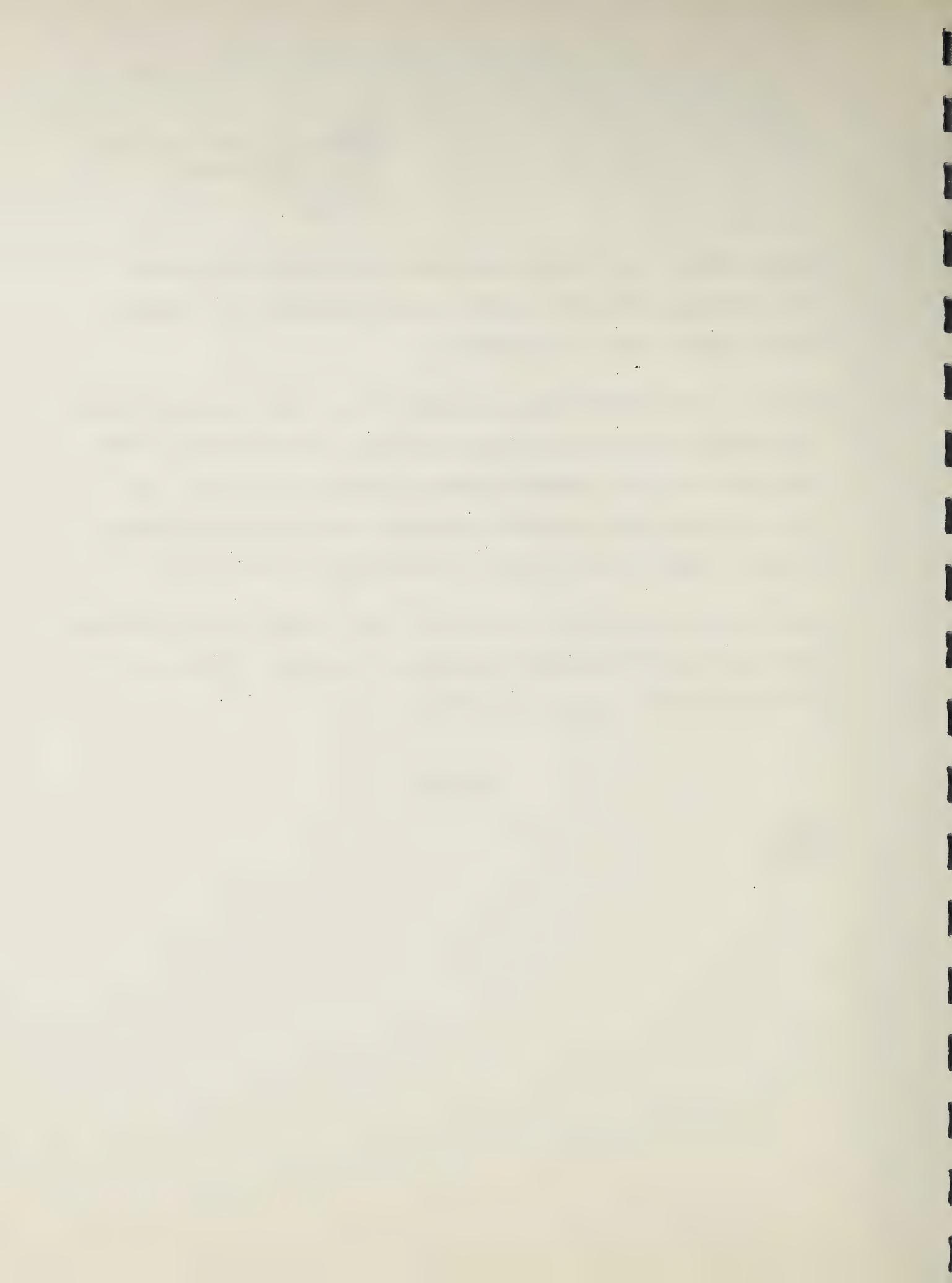
railroad right of way to carry storm water to an outfall at the Cooper River. Drainage inlets will be built beneath the bridge. The existing 24-inch diameter pipe will be removed.

Work at the Route 70-Haddonfield Road-Grove Street traffic circle in Cherry Hill Township will include added drainage inlets and installation of 1600 linear feet of 48 inch diameter reinforced concrete culvert pipe. The pipe will extend from Haddonfield Road across the circle and south along the eastern edge of Grove Street to an outfall at the Cooper River.

Costs of the project, which is expected to take 50 working days to complete, will be paid by the New Jersey State Highway Department. All bids will be reviewed before a contract is awarded.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Line Painting - BIDS
Statewide

Trenton, Feb. 20 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today received bids on three contracts for repainting traffic lines on portions of the highway system throughout the State.

A low bid of \$42,655.90 was received from Lombardi Striping Corp., Berkeley Heights, on the first contract. Other bidders were: Traffic Control Co., Waterbury, Connecticut, \$44,539.49 and James W. McCormick, Mansfield, Ohio, \$57,952.58.

The first contract will call for two paintings totalling nearly 369 miles of white center lines and lane lines in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, and Union Counties. Twenty-six miles of other white lines marking crosswalks, approaches and "stop" boundaries will be freshened.

Spring painting will begin on Sunday, March 22 and Fall painting on Sunday, October 4. Each operation will be completed within 5 Sundays and 18 weekdays.

Nearly 180 miles of yellow center no passing lines will be painted under the first contract. The yellow lines will be limited to locations where passing or crossing traffic lanes is prohibited. Generally, these lines are the unbroken 4 inch wide barrier lines designating no passing areas for either or both directions of traffic.

A low bid of \$57,130.70 was received from Traffic Control Co., Waterbury, Connecticut, on a contract for painting lines in northern areas of the State.

Other bidders on the project were: Lombardi Striping Corp., Berkeley Heights,
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Line Painting - BIDS
Statewide

\$60,572.32 and James W. McCormick, Mansfield, Ohio, \$61,260.64.

On another contract for line painting in the southern area of the State, a low bid of \$70,639.18 was received from Traffic Control Co., Waterbury, Connecticut. The only other bidder on the contract was: James W. McCormick, Mansfield, Ohio, \$71,431.88.

The two separate contracts for the northern and southern areas of the State would call for painting lines 4 inches wide along the outer edges of the highways using white paint and glass reflecting beads. The combination greatly increases visibility at night and during fog periods. The reflective lines also reduce the accident factor by keeping vehicles within the driving lanes.

Counties covered by the northern contract will include Sussex, Passaic, Bergen, Warren, Morris, Essex, Hudson, Union, Hunterdon, Somerset, and portions of Mercer, Middlesex and Monmouth. A total of nearly 1,303 miles of white lines will be painted within 30 working days beginning July 13.

Counties in the southern contract area will be Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, Salem, and portions of Mercer, Middlesex, and Monmouth. A total of nearly 1,520 miles of white lines will be painted within 30 working days beginning August 31.

All bids on the 100 percent State financed project will be reviewed before a contract is awarded.

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RELEASE THURSDAY P.M.'S

1964

Route 17, Bergen County
Route 80, Passaic County
Sale of Buildings

Trenton, Feb. 20 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced two sales of vacant buildings in Bergen and Passaic Counties will be held on February 27.

The buildings stand on land which was purchased by the Highway Department for modernization of Route 17 in Ridgewood, Bergen County, and construction of Interstate Route 80 in Wayne Township and West Paterson in Passaic County.

The morning sale will begin at 11:30 a.m. in one of the houses to be sold, a single-family frame dwelling at 802 East Glen Avenue in Ridgewood. The other home to be offered, also a one-family frame residence, can be seen at 969 Linwood Avenue, Ridgewood.

The afternoon sale will begin 2:30 p.m. in the vacant frame home at 23 Washington Street in Wayne Township. Other Wayne Township buildings include a stucco house at 21 Washington Street, and a frame dwelling at 52 Main Street. Included in the afternoon sale will be a two-story, two-family frame house at 20 Squirrelwood Road in West Paterson.

Garages and other outbuildings on the properties will be sold as individual units.

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RELEASE THURSDAY P.M.'S



1964

Interstate Route 280 - ADV
Demolition
W. Orange, E. Orange
Essex County

Trenton, Feb. 20 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced bids will be received March 12 on a demolition project on Interstate Route 280, the Essex East-West Freeway, in Essex County.

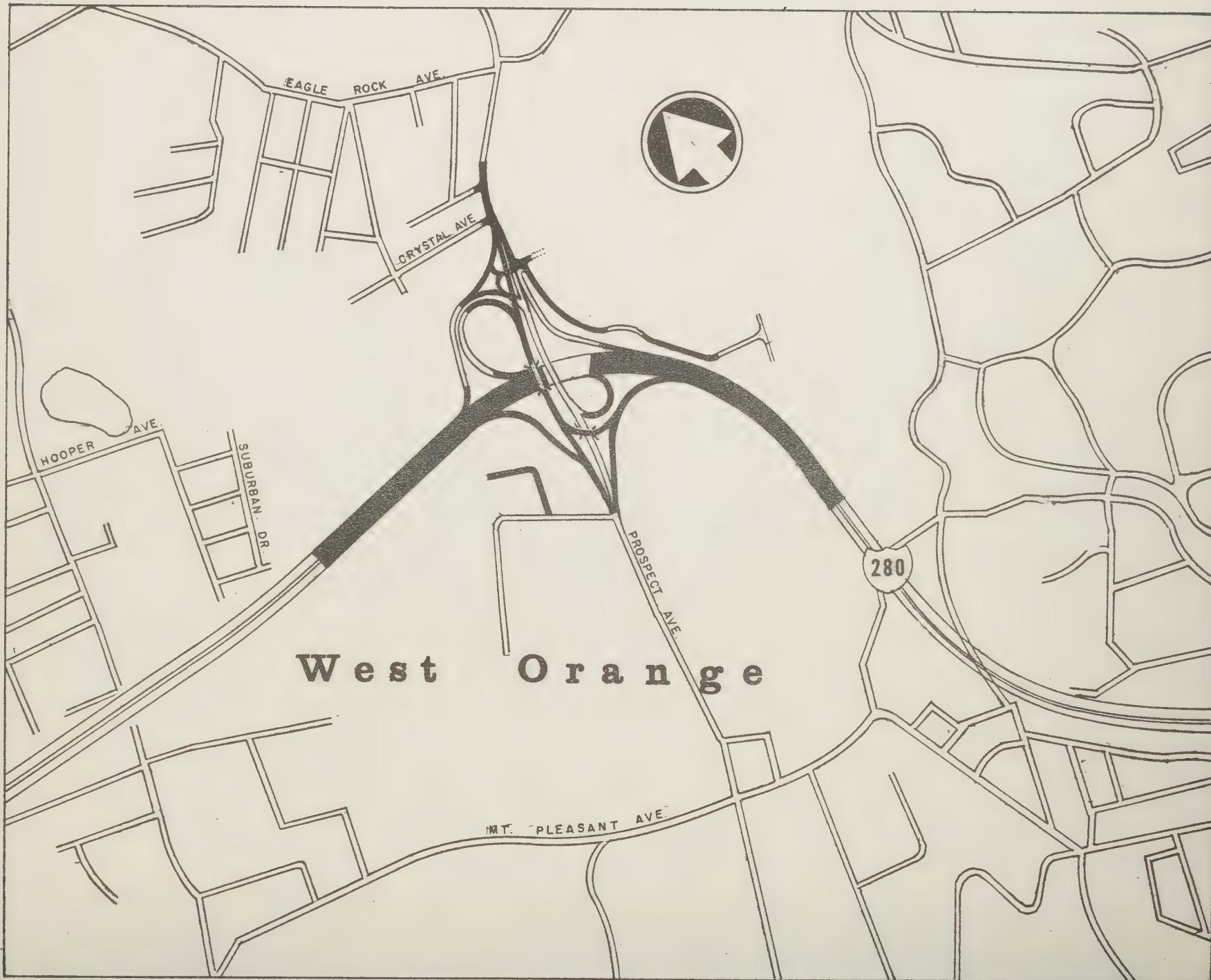
Approximately 58 buildings will be demolished over a distance of 1.65 miles in a corridor extending from the vicinity of Mount Pleasant Avenue in West Orange eastward through Orange to the vicinity of Harrison Street in East Orange. The corridor crosses Northfield Avenue, South Jefferson Street, Scotland Road, Lincoln Avenue, Essex Avenue, South Day Street, North Center Street, Hickory Street and Oakwood Avenue.

Buildings are being demolished in a selective basis as property acquisitions and agreements are completed and as the occupants of the buildings move out.

A Highway Department spokesman, recounting the history of the Essex East-West portion of Interstate Route 280, explained that the superhighway will solve the problem of providing an adequate traffic artery between Newark and the Oranges.

The entire route, to be about 17 miles long, will extend from Interstate Route 95 in Kearny to Interstate Route 80 in Parsippany-Troy Hills Township in Morris County.

A schedule of 60 working days has been set up for the demolition project. The Federal Government will pay 90 percent of the costs while the State Highway Department will pay ten percent. All bids will be reviewed before a contract is awarded.



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IMMEDIATE RELEASE



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INTERSTATE ROUTE 280 - ADV
West Orange
Essex County

Trenton, February 20 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it will take bids March 12 on an Interstate Route 280 interchange at Prospect Avenue in West Orange, Essex County.

The contract signals the start of actual construction on Route 280. It was announced February 16 that the design in the First Mountain area of West Orange, including the interchange, will utilize an open cut.

This alignment and design had long since been recommended by the Highway Department and approved by the Federal Bureau of Public Roads.

Prior to the approval, a public hearing was held on March 31, 1959. Since then for almost five years the Highway Department, its consultants and local West Orange officials have had studies and reviews made of every condition and every bit of data available.

West Orange, in support of its desire for a tunnel, first emphasized using it for a retreat in case of a bomb attack. Appeals to National Civil Defense and Military agencies, after a thorough review by each, were denied.

Further appeals for a tunnel were based on fog conditions, snow and ice, vibration and noise.

Out of courtesy and consideration for the proposals of local officials, all of these appeals were given due consideration.

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INTERSTATE ROUTE 280 - ADV
West Orange
Essex County

Experienced Highway engineers, engineering consultants and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads gave every facet careful review. The final determination was that tunnel construction was not warranted, especially in view of the wide cost variance between an open cut and a tunnel.

Finally, the Highway Department at the request of Governor Richard J. Hughes engaged another firm of engineers specializing in tunnel design and supervision to again review all aspects and data for the Highway Department and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads, and give these agencies the benefit of their long professional experience. Their studies included on-the-spot investigations of weather conditions and other factors.

In summarizing their findings the consultants stated, "In brief, our studies lead to the conclusion that the approved State's alignment is by far the more practicable of the two considered, and it is recommended that no further consideration be given to the tunnel alternate."

The State Highway Department determined that every consideration had been given all parties at interest; that the Interstate System had been too long delayed already; and that further delays could not be countenanced.

Both the Federal and State Governments have been stressing economy. The State's appeal for \$13 million to depress the freeway through Newark and the Oranges in 1960 was rejected by the Federal Bureau of Public Roads. A similar inquiry regarding added Federal funds for a tunnel also received a negative reply.

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INTERSTATE ROUTE 280 - ADV
West Orange
Essex County

Every bit of material presented by West Orange to the Federal Bureau of Public Roads and to the State had been carefully analyzed prior to the recent consulting review, which was not the determining factor. It independently confirmed the State's and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads' findings.

Work on the 0.9 mile interchange project will consist in part of grading a portion of the mainline of Route 280 in the vicinity of the intersection with Prospect Avenue.

The graded width of the Route 280 portion of the project will vary from about 120 feet to about 140 feet. Access roads and connecting ramps for a proposed future interchange at the Prospect Avenue intersection will also be partially graded.

As part of this project, a bridge will be built to carry one lane of Prospect Avenue traffic in each direction over Route 280.

Prospect Avenue will be relocated through the intersection and portions of it will be widened and repaved. Instead of the present single lane of traffic it carries in each direction, northbound and southbound, it will ultimately carry 2 lanes.

Interstate Route 280 in this area will eventually consist of 4 traffic lanes in each direction, eastbound and westbound, separated by white concrete barrier curb.

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INTERSTATE ROUTE 280 - ADV
West Orange
Essex County

New portions of Prospect Avenue will consist of subbase 12 inches thick, bituminous concrete surface three inches thick. White concrete vertical curb will border the roadway.

Underground drainage and electrical work will be included in the project.

Costs of the project, which is expected to take 200 working days to complete, will be paid by the Federal Government and the State Highway Department. All bids will be reviewed before a contract is awarded.

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RELEASE THURSDAY P.M.'S



1964
Route U.S. 30
Waterford Twp., Camden Co.
Right-of-Way Acquisition

Trenton, Feb. 20 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it will soon begin buying the right of way needed for construction of a pair of jug handles on Route 30 in Waterford Township, Camden County.

The jug handles to be constructed on both sides of the highway at Atco Avenue will enable northbound and southbound Route 30 motorists to turn left and cross the highway safely under signal light control.

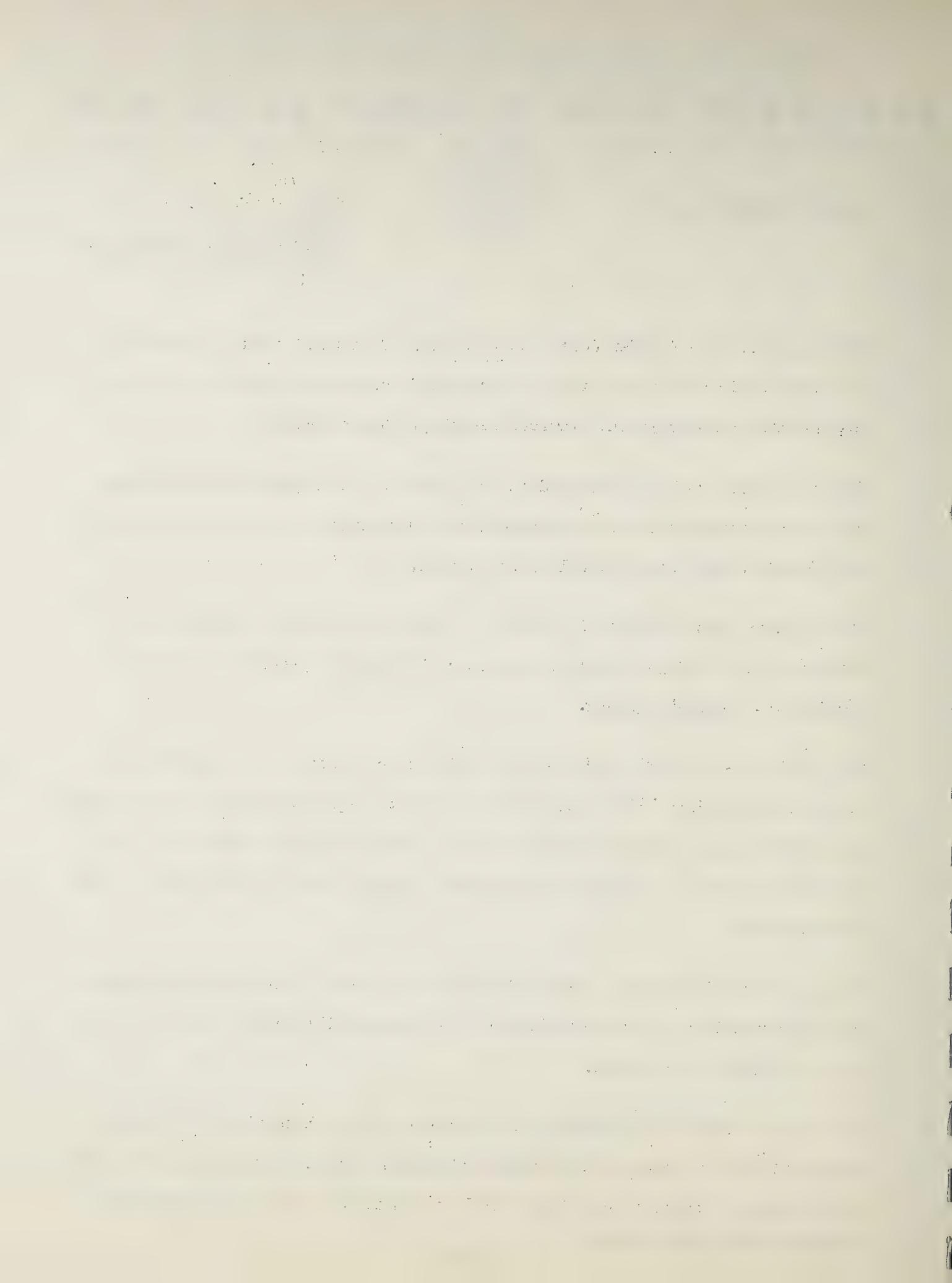
Letters have been mailed to 21 owners of land which will be affected by the construction of the jug handles, explaining to them the procedures for purchasing the necessary ground.

The right-of-way plans show the jug handle to be formed for the benefit of southbound motorists will require the most land. Right of way will be purchased to construct a new connector road that will lead to the right from the highway to Granger Avenue. Plans show the new road will be about 900 feet north of the intersection.

Granger Avenue itself will form part of the jug handle leading to Atco Avenue, and improvements on Atco Avenue west of the highway will require strips of land on both sides of the Avenue.

On the east side of the highway the jug handle for the benefit of northbound motorists will be formed with portions of Auburn Avenue, West Second Avenue, and Atco Avenue. A small slice of land will be required to widen the turn from Route 30 onto Auburn Avenue.

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1964
Route U.S. 30
Waterford Twp., Camden Co.
Right-of-Way Acquisition

More than 285 jug handles have been constructed throughout the State since 1954 to eliminate the danger of cars, standing on the inner lanes of highways to make left turns, from being struck from the rear. Cost of a jug handle averages about \$50,000.

In the near future property owners who have received letters will be visited by Highway Department representatives who will list the features and history of the properties and photograph the buildings and land features. The next step will see Highway Department appraisers visiting the properties to ascertain fair market values. They will be followed by Department negotiators who will negotiate sales of the properties.

The spokesman pointed out the negotiation procedures are similar to private person-to-person transactions. He said the one main exception is that the State, because it is acting in the public interest, has the right to require that the owner sell his property at a fair price.

If the owner exercises his right to reject the offer, a court-appointed three-man commission will set the fair market price. If the owner still thinks the price is not fair, he can appeal to the State Superior Court, and the price will be fixed by jury trial.

The spokesman noted that out of every 100 negotiations between the Highway Department and land owners, less than five cases go to the courts, and added that a portion of this small percentage usually is due to faulty titles.

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1964
Route U.S. 30
Waterford Twp., Camden Co.
Right-of-Way Acquisition

He attributed the high percentage of property negotiations which are settled on a friendly basis to the Department's procedures, which are based on professional practices and standards; and the Department's desire to exhaust all amicable means of negotiating the sales.

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UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL - BIDS
STATEWIDE

Trenton, February 20 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced a low bid of \$173,400.00 was received from Counties Contracting and Construction Co., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on a contract for installation of underground structures for traffic signals at various locations throughout the State.

The only bidder on the project was: Mohawk Constructors, Inc., Linden, \$193,300.00.

The contract will be based upon the total number of installations the Department expects to undertake during the year at as yet undetermined locations on the State Highway System. The purpose is to permit public bidding by private contractors on this phase of work formerly performed by the Department's own forces.

As individual locations of new signals throughout the State system are determined, the contractor will be called upon to install the related underground conduits, detectors, pedestals and concrete junction boxes.

All bids will be reviewed by State Highway engineers before a contract is awarded.

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STATE AID - HUNTERDON COUNTY

Trenton, February 19- The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it has allocated \$100,000 in State roadbuilding aid to 8 municipalities in Hunterdon County.

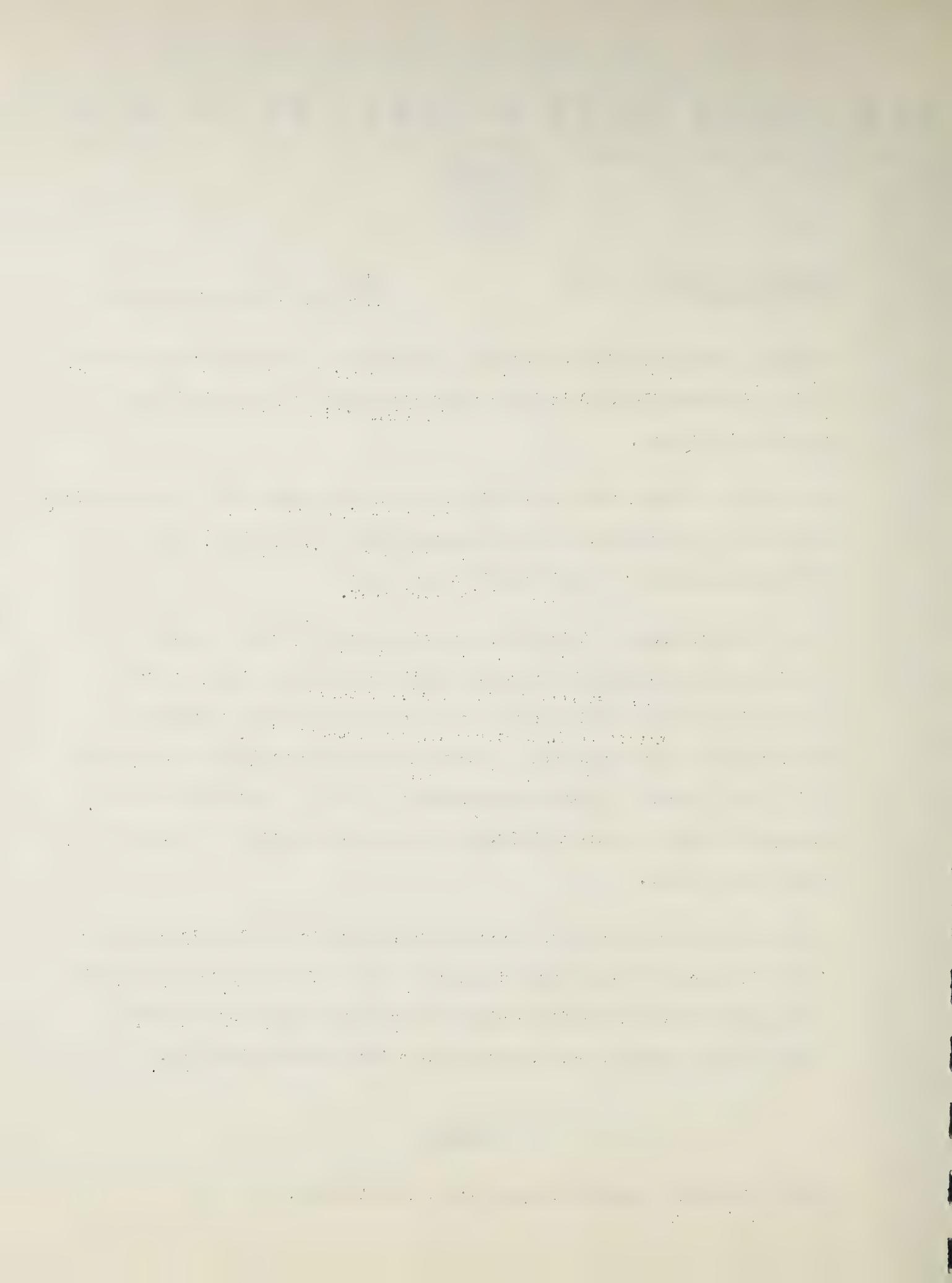
The aid was provided from one of five separate funds which have been authorized by the State Legislature to provide approximately \$16 million in aid to the New Jersey counties and municipalities each year.

Under the provisions of this particular aid source (Allotment Fund), the New Jersey State Highway Department annually receives applications from municipalities interested in constructing or reconstructing portions of their road and street systems. Allocations to each municipality requesting aid in this category are then reviewed with an eye to their relative need. Through this fund a total of \$100,000 is available annually to municipalities within each county.

The amount set aside for each municipality represents the State's 90% share in the total cost of the approved municipal project. Subsequent construction plans are reviewed by the State Highway Department which also provides inspection of materials and inspection of actual construction work.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Complete project lists are attached.



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
TRENTON

MUNICIPAL AID ALLOTMENTS - APPROVED FEBRUARY 18, 1964

HUNTERDON COUNTY

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Name of Road</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alexandria Township	Mt. Pleasant-Hickory Corner Road, Section 3	\$ 15,000.
Town of Clinton	Halstead Street	15,000.
Flemington Borough	North Main Street	15,000.
Kingwood Township	Kingwood-Byram Road, Section 6	20,000.
City of Lambertville	Clinton Street	15,000.
Lebanon Township	Point Mountain Road, Section 1	10,000.
Raritan Township	River Rd. Extension, Section 2	6,500.
Readington Township	Hillcrest Road, Section 2	
	Total	<u>3,500.</u>
		<u>\$100,000.</u>



For Sunday Ams Release, February 16

Trenton, N.J., Feb. 16 - The New Jersey State Highway Department announces that it will proceed with construction of Interstate Route 280 in West Orange utilizing an open cut through First Mountain.

A recent study by a firm of internationally recognized engineers who have designed and supervised construction of numerous tunnels produced a finding that a tunnel in this area would cost approximately \$37 million as compared with the \$20 million cost of an open cut.

The alignment and profile of the route in West Orange utilizing an open cut was approved by the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads three years ago, however local interests continued to advocate an alternative in the form of a 3,500-foot tunnel and a number of special studies were made.

The most recent was made for the Highway Department and the Bureau of Public Roads at the request of Governor Richard J. Hughes. It resulted in findings that the suggested tunnel would have no over-riding advantages in the way of greater safety or noise reduction as compared with the open cut. The engineers stated, "In brief, our studies lead to the conclusion that the approved State's Alignment is by far the more practicable of the two considered, and it is recommended that no further consideration be given to the tunnel alternate."

Following publication last week of the Consulting Engineers' report, Senator Sarcone of Essex County and West Orange officials met Friday, Feb. 14, 1964 with Governor Hughes to discuss the findings. It was pointed out that cost



was a major factor in the situation, since participation by the Federal Government was limited to 90 per cent of the expense of the open cut construction.

It was agreed that the State could not finance the \$17 million differential and that the Federal Bureau of Roads decision as to its financial participation would be the determining factor.

Accordingly, Governor Hughes requested Highway Commissioner Dwight R. G. Palmer to contact Federal Highway Administrator Rex M. Whitton, inquiring as to the extent the Bureau of Public Roads would be willing to participate in the cost of tunnel construction.

The Commissioner telephoned Administrator Whitton on February 14 as follows:

"After careful and deliberate evaluation of all factors, including cost, the New Jersey Highway Department has determined it must proceed with the construction of an open cut rather than a tunnel on Interstate Route 280 at First Mountain in West Orange.

"Our Governor, Richard J. Hughes, having often expressed his admiration of the sentiments expressed by the late President John F. Kennedy pertaining to coordination of social and civic improvement with highway planning, has requested that due consideration be given to all factors in the final determination.

"In relation to these aspects, would the Federal Bureau of Public Roads assume 90 per cent of the added cost of tunnel design and construction through First Mountain in West Orange?"

Administrator Whitton replied:

"In response to your inquiry today, it is Public Roads position that if the section of I-280 in the Town of West Orange was built as a tunnel in lieu of the open cut as now approved, that Federal aid participation would be limited to the normal Federal pro rata of the amount which represents the cost of the open cut design."

At the direction of Commissioner Palmer, work on this project will be resumed immediately.

NEW JERSEY

STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Traffic Conditions Report

Bureau of Public Information
Trenton 25, New Jersey
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RELEASE FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14, 1964

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 21

Trenton, Feb. 14 - The New Jersey State Highway Department, as part of a continuing service to the public, today issued a list of locations within the State where road construction and maintenance may cause interference to motorists during the week of February 15 - February 21.

Bergen

Route 3, East Rutherford -- Traffic will be guided through the construction area throughout the winter.

Route 80, Township of South Hackensack, Teterboro, City of Hackensack -- Huyler Street between North Street and Wesley Street is closed to traffic. Traffic will be detoured from Huyler Street to Wesley Street to Green Street to North Street and back to Huyler Street.

Route 95, Teaneck -- Fort Lee Road is detoured between Glenwood Avenue and the Overpack Creek Bridge. Glenwood Avenue is detoured between Fort Lee Road and Cypress Street. The condition is the same as that which prevailed last week and it will continue until paving operations are completed.

Bergen-Passaic

Route 80, Paterson -- Madison Avenue (Paterson) traffic has been detoured to permit the construction of Route 80 underpass. The detour will be in effect for six months.

Camden

Route 38, Pennsauken and Cherry Hill Townships -- Traffic will be guided through the construction area during the winter months.

Route 130, Pennsauken to Collingswood -- Traffic will be restricted between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily for the next 2 weeks during widening of roadway under railroad bridges at Westfield Avenue, Pennsauken; Browning Road, Pennsauken, and Haddon Avenue, Collingswood.

Essex

Route 21, Belleville -- Traffic will be guided through the construction area. The condition will continue through February.

Gloucester

Route 45, Mullica Hill -- Traffic will be detoured around the construction area during bridge demolition, grading and paving operations.

Hudson

Route 3, Secaucus -- Traffic will be guided through the construction area on Route 3 between Tonelle Avenue and the Paterson Plank Road.

Middlesex

Route 18, Borough of New Brunswick -- Upper New Street is closed from Nielson Street to Route 18 until the New Street bridge is completed.

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TRAFFIC CONDITIONS REPORT

Middlesex cont'd

Route 18, East Brunswick and Madison Townships --
For the remainder of the winter, single lane
traffic will be maintained on the southbound
roadway at the Main Street ramp area. All other
roadways are open. Motorists should exercise
caution when moving through areas where shoulders
are under construction.

Middlesex-Monmouth

Route 9, Marlboro, Manalapan, Madison -- Slight
interference resulting from trucks and con-
struction equipment moving materials throughout
the construction area.

Monmouth

Route 35, Middletown -- Minor delays may be
expected along Old Kings Highway between Mountain
Hill Road and Tindall Road. The condition will
continue for 2 months.

Route 36, Keyport, Raritan Township, Union Beach,
Keansburg -- Temporary detour road will be in
operation at Flat Creek for 6 months during bridge
construction. Traffic will be restricted at East
Creek and Waackaack Creek during drainage con-
struction. The condition will continue for 1 year.

Somerset

Route 287, Bridgewater Township -- Minor interference
may be expected on Route U.S. 202-206 when con-
struction equipment moves around the work site.
The condition will continue for 3 months.

Talamini Road bridge and relocated Talamini Road will
remain closed while work on the overpass is being
completed.

Route 287; Route U.S. 202-206, Bedminster Twp. --
The northbound lanes of Route U.S. 202-206 are
being used for two-way traffic. Motorists should
exercise caution.

Warren

Route 24, Lopatcong, Greenwich, Franklin, Wash-
ington -- Intermittent delays may be expected
during construction operations from Route 22 to
Stewartsville Road and from New Village to
Lincoln Avenue.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE



1964

Berkshire Valley-Oak Ridge Rd.
BIDS
Township of Jefferson
Morris County
Federal Aid Secondary

Trenton, Feb. 13 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced a low bid of \$406,777.10 was received from Michael LaMorgese, Irvington, on a Federal Aid Secondary project for the reconstruction of Berkshire Valley-Oak Ridge Road in Morris County.

Other bidders on the project were: Franklin Contracting Co., Little Falls, \$430,273.80; Robert Bossert and Co., Inc., Newark, \$434,694.75; J. F. Chapman and Son, Inc., Hillside, \$437,949.65; D. Scamato and Co., Inc., Saddle River, \$444,418.30; Sal Ardolino Jr., Florham Park, \$449,917.26; Ufheil Construction Co., Inc., New Milford, \$455,918.00; Geo. M. Brewster and Son, Inc., Bogota, \$472,669.25; C. H. Winans Co., Roselle, \$476,221.35 and Sam Braen Construction Co., Wyckoff, \$494,148.35.

The 2.27 mile project will extend from Moquis Trail northward in the Township of Jefferson to the Passaic County line.

Work will consist of excavation of the existing roadway and construction of a new bituminous concrete roadway to carry one lane of traffic in each direction.

The sharp curves in the existing roadway will be smoothed and the peaks and dips reduced to improve visibility for motorists.

At present there are no underground drainage structures. Plans include the installation of adequate drainage facilities for the new roadway.

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Berkshire Valley-Oak Ridge Rd.
BIDS
Township of Jefferson
Morris County
Federal Aid Secondary

At the northern limit of the project for a distance of nearly 2000 feet where the downgrade toward the Pequannock River is steep, the roadway will be paved for its full width and bordered by vertical curb to assure adequate drainage for storm water.

Costs of the project, which is expected to take 120 working days to complete, will be shared by the Federal Government and Morris County. All bids will be reviewed before a contract is awarded.

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RELEASE THURSDAY P.M.'S



1964

Interstate Route 295
Right-of-Way Acquisition
Mt. Laurel Township
Burlington County

Trenton, February 13 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced the process of acquiring right of way for Interstate Route 295 in Mt. Laurel Township, Burlington County, has begun.

Letters have been mailed to some 24 property owners advising them their properties will be affected, and explaining the Department's procedures for purchasing the necessary land.

The corridor of land to be acquired, about three miles long and generally 300 feet wide, extends from Fellowship Road, just north of Route 73, to Route 38.

Funds for purchasing the land and constructing the highway, amounting to \$7 million was allocated in this year's construction program. The new project is the latest in a series undertaken to provide a non-stop superhighway from the Delaware Memorial Bridge to the Trenton area.

South of Route 73, Route 295 is open and carrying traffic nearly 23 miles southward around the Camden area to Bridgeport. From there, future construction, allocated \$8 million so far, will take Route 295 southeast along a new path to a point near the Delaware Memorial Bridge where Route 295 approaches previously were constructed.

The letters sent by the Highway Department advise the owners their properties will be affected by highway construction and explain the procedures the Department will follow in negotiating with the owners.

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1964
Interstate Route 295
Right-of-Way Acquisition
Mt. Laurel Township
Burlington County

The owners will receive visits from Department representatives who will list the features and history of the properties, and photograph the buildings and land features.

The next step will see State Highway Department appraisers visiting the properties to ascertain fair market values. They will be followed by Department negotiators who will negotiate the sale of the properties.

The spokesman pointed out the negotiation procedures are similar to private person-to-person transactions. He said the one main exception is that the State, because it is acting in the public interest, has the right to require that the owner sell his property at a fair price.

If the owner exercises his right to reject the offer, a court-appointed three-man commission will set the fair market price. If the owner still thinks the price is not fair, he can appeal to the State Superior Court, and the price will be fixed by jury trial.

The spokesman noted that out of every 100 negotiations between the Highway Department and land owners, less than five cases go to the courts, and added that a portion of this small percentage usually is due to faulty titles.

He attributed the high percentage of property negotiations which are settled on a friendly basis to the Department's procedures which are based on professional practices and standards; and the Department's desire to exhaust all amicable means of negotiating the sale. (more)

1964
Interstate Route 295
Right-of-Way Acquisition
Mt. Laurel Township
Burlington County

The letters to affected property owners also offer a new Relocation Advisory Assistance service to owners and tenants who must move out of the way of the Federal Aid highway construction. This program is designed to aid them in finding new residences. Another part of the same service, available after the families or tenants move, will provide up to \$200 of the moving costs.

If a business must relocate, a moving cost reimbursement of up to \$3,000 will be available.

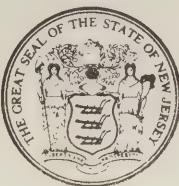
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RELEASE THURSDAY P.M.'S

1964
Route 15
Right-of-Way Acquisition
Morris, Sussex Counties

Trenton, Feb. 13 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it will soon begin the process of acquiring right of way needed for dualizing another portion of Route 15 in Sparta Township, Sussex County.

Letters have been mailed to some 15 owners whose properties are located along Route 15 between the Morris-Sussex County line and Blue Heron Drive about 1.5 miles to the north.

At the same time letters were mailed to another group of owners whose properties will be affected by dualization work in the section between Lower Berkshire Valley Road and the Morris-Sussex County line. The first group of owners in this section received their letters of notice last August.

The dualization work comes under a long-range program to dualize Route 15 from Route 46 in Morris County to Ross Corner in Frankford Township, Sussex County. Initial dualization was done during the early 1940's northward to Picatinny Arsenal, and work is now underway to extend the dualization beyond Longwood Road in Rockaway Township. Future construction will extend the dualization northward to increase the capacity of the highway for the swelling traffic volumes.

The letters inform property owners that, they will first be visited by a Highway Department representative who will gather information about the property and take photographs.

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Route 15
Right-of-Way Acquisition
Morris, Sussex Counties

The next step will see State Highway Department appraisers visiting the properties to ascertain fair market values. They will be followed by Department negotiators who will negotiate the sale of the properties.

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The new Relocation Advisory Assistance service applies to owners and tenants who must move out of the way of the Federal Aid Highway construction. This program is designed to aid them in finding new residences. Another part of the same

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Route 15
Right-of-Way Acquisition
Morris, Sussex Counties

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